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Head set to leave for new school

THE headmaster of Oswestry School is to leave his post and take up a new role in Norfolk.

The school has announced that Douglas Robb will leave at the end of the summer to become head at Gresham's School in Holt, Norfolk.

Mr Robb, who came to Oswestry in September 2010 will take up his new position in September after leading significant changes during his four years as headmaster.

Bosses say the school is in a very strong position with record pupil numbers and more than £1.5 million invested in new facilities during the past four years.

Chairman of Governors Peter Wilcox Jones said: "When Douglas arrived I asked him to achieve a number of goals both academically and pastorally and he has more than achieved them all in four years."

Mr Robb said: "This has been a superb four years for me and my family and we have enjoyed being a part of this community.

"I have been privileged to work with exceptional staff and pupils and I am confident that the school is in excellent shape moving forwards.

"I am deeply grateful for the support I have received during my time here."

Music event at Powis Castle

POWIS Castle's ballroom will be the spectacular setting for a musical concert later this month.

Internationally renowned musical duo Charme du Hautbois will present a programme of rarely heard original works for oboe and harp in the ballroom at Welshpool on April 25.

Ruth Scutter, said: "The duo will play music from the late 19th and early 20th centuries taking you on an exciting grand tour of styles and moods."

Steve Davis visiting town for exhibition event

Steve Davis in town

SIX times World Snooker Champion Steve Davis OBE will be staging an exhibition in Oswestry this weekend.

Saturday's exhibition and presentation evening is being hosted by the Oswestry and District Billiard and Snooker League.

The event will see Mr Davis, who dominated the world of snooker in the 1980s, playing exhibition matches at Morda Social Club in Weston Road against an Oswestry Select team.

Mr Davis, known to millions and ranked world number one for seven consecutive seasons, achieved three Masters and a record six UK Championship titles.

He combines his playing career with a role as a snooker analyst and commentator for the BBC.

Dennis Hughes, from the Oswestry snooker league, said this will be the former champion's second visit to the town.

"He came about five or six years ago to do a similar event, and it was very popular," he said. "The chairman of our league used his contacts to arrange the visit. This time about eight members of the league will have the chance to play against him.

"They have all won individual titles in the league this year, so it's a prize for them.

"In between the games Steve will talk a bit about his career and answer any questions. Last time it was all about snooker, but since then he's been on I'm A Celebrity... so I expect we'll have some questions about that too this time." The evening's matches will be overseen by top world snooker referee, Michaela Tabb, who became the first woman to referee at a professional ranking tournament, and in 2009 was the first woman to referee the World Snooker Championship final.

Play starts at 7.15pm, and the evening is suitable for all ages.

Tickets are £10 on the door book on (01691) 662319.

RAT DROPPINGS IN CURRY HOUSE

RAT droppings, dirty equipment and food left out of fridges were found at an award-winning restaurant near Oswestry during an inspection by environmental health officers.

The owners of the 2013 Welsh Curry House of the Year, Bengal Spices in Llanmynech, were yesterday (Wednesday) each fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £900 in costs and court surcharges when they appeared at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court.

by Sue Austin

Magistrates said they were not issuing a prohibition order, which would have closed the restaurant down, after hearing of the strenuous steps taken to improve hygiene.

Mizanur Chowdhury, 43, and Rabiul Alam, 35, who gave their address as Ashfield House, Llanymynech, each admitted nine counts under the food safety act in a prosecution brought by Powys County Council.

Mr Nigel Vaughan prosecuting said the charges arose from a visit to the restaurant on November 6 last year following a complaint from a member of the public.

He said rat droppings were found in the ladies toilet and in the lobby and there was evidence that rats had entered the premises through the toilet wall.

The food premises was not kept in a clean condition and neither was the equipment.

Other offences related to the defrosting of food with items found thawing out of the fridge and to the storage of raw and cooked food.

Mr Vaughan said food had been stored on low shelves without any covers, open to flies and other pests and he said raw food such as prepared salads and also cooked rice had not been in the fridge. This would have led to the growth of bacteria.

The final offence related to not keeping correct food standards records.

Magistrates heard that an earlier inspection in September had uncovered similar offences but that the owners had agreed to put in measures to deal with these.

Mrs Elzbeth Kenny, for the defendants, said that the inspection happened when Chowdhury had flown to Bangladesh to care for his dying mother. This had left his business partner to cope singlehandedly and standards had been allowed to slip.

She said after the November inspection the business had brought in pest control experts and the premises had been deep cleaned. "A new tiled floor and two new fridges have been installed and a stainless steel surface is planned .

"My clients are keen to restore their reputation as the Welsh Curry Champions," she added

Facelift for charity shop

Chloe Morgan with shop staff at the reopening.

IMPROVEMENTS to a charity shop which raises money for a children's hospice have been unveiled.

Hope House's shop in Oswestry town centre was reopened yesterday (Wednesday) after a refurbishment, with the a very special guest doing the honours.

Chloe Morgan put on her favourite Snow White outfit, cut the re-opening ribbon and invited customers in to admire the changes.

The five-year-old from Caersws suffers from Moyamoya syndrome, which is a disease in which certain arteries in the brain are constricted.

Chloe and her family began visiting Hope House Children's Hospice, based at Morda, near Oswestry, about six months ago.

The Hope House shop, which has been open for four years in English Walls, has recently been closed whilst it had a spruce up.

Man dies in two-car collision on border

A man died when his car was involved in a collision near Llanyblodwel on Wednesday morning.

Emergency services from both Shropshire and Powys were called to attend the crash on the A495 at Aber Tanat.

The crash involved two cars and blocked the road on the Shropshire/Powys border with one of the cars involved in the collision rolling on to its roof.

West Mercia Police spokesman Chris Ammonds said: "The incident was a two-vehicle road traffic collision on the A495.

"The road was blocked in both directions and sadly one male has died as a result of the road traffic collision. No other serious injuries were reported as a result of the collision. Diversions were put in place for traffic.

"Inquiries are ongoing to establish what happened."

Anyone with information or who witnessed the crash is asked to call the non emergency police number on 101 and quote incident number 90S 020414.

Fire crews from both sides of the Welsh border were called to attend the crash just before 8.55am.

The A495 Llansantffraid ym Mechain to Oswestry road was closed for accident investigations.

Local horse in National

A horse, part-owned by a Welshpool family, could write himself into the history books this weekend when he lines up in the Grand National.

Mountainous won this year's Welsh Grand National and is a 40/1 shot for Saturday's big race.

Owner Mr James Potter said: "We are all very excited and we will be going up to watch him. The key to the horse is cut in the ground and they have had rain on and off during the week."

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Alan and Sylvia Clayton from Trewern celebrate their Diamond wedding. For full story - turn to page 4.

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Councillors want bypass to help protect villages

By Sue Austin

A bypass should be built around two villages to stop lorries carrying parts for proposed windfarms through small communities, it has been claimed.

The relief road around Pant and Llanymynech would cost a fraction of the amount needed for planned turbines in Mid Wales and pylons connecting them to the main electricity network in north Shropshire, according to parish councillors.

Members of Pant and Llanymynech Parish Council have suggested the bypass could also be used as the route for the electricity line that the National Grid wants to build to link a proposed sub station at Cefn Coch with the grid at Lower Frankton near Ellesmere.

The issue was discussed at a parish council meeting last Thursday.

Build

Councillor Barry Robins said: "We are led to believe that the cost of the high voltage line will be £2 million a kilometre. The last estimate for the bypass was £19 million. If they are spending so much money on a power line, they could build us a bypass."

Council chairman Councillor Dilys Gaskill said that communities affected by the windfarms had been told they would be given "compensation" to spend on village amenities and facilities.

She said: "We have reasonably good amenities in Pant and Llanymynech so I would suggest that the funding should be put on a down payment for our bypass and that those behind the windfarms then make up the money.

Survey says hospital's staff happy with care

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has been given the strongest recommendation after almost 90 per cent of its staff said they would be happy for their friends and family to be treated there.

More than 88 per cent of staff at the hospital said they would recommend the specialist hospital to friends and family for treatment, putting the hospital in the top five per cent of all hospitals in England.

The result came out of a staff survey carried out at the end of 2013, which also showed an increase in the number of staff who would recommend the hospital as a place to work.

The hospital's associate director of human resources, Ruth Tyrrell, said: "The friends and family question is regarded as a litmus test in the confidence that staff have in their place of work – this is a fantastic result for us and correlates highly with what patients say.

"It is encouraging to see the areas of significant improvement."

Budding chefs cook up a treat

Niall Dennehy and Latonya Burns join Anna Doggat at The Marches School.

BUDDING chefs armed with rolling pins and chopping boards rolled up their sleeves to bake pizzas at their school as part of a national cookathon.

The school canteen at The Marches School in Oswestry was converted into a huge pizzeria on Tuesday for the "Let's Get Cooking Cookathon."

About 45 pupils at the school chose ingredients to create their own original masterpieces which staff said looked and tasted great. Toppings for the pizzas were also made from healthy ingredients such as carrots and peppers.

The cookathon, being organised by the Children's Food Trust, is travelling around the country, hosted by the Children's Food Trust. More than 100,000 people are set to take part in home kitchens and in more than 300 schools.

Amy Gregory from the secondary school said: "Armed with an 'easy-peasy' pizza recipe, students competed in their houses to create the winning Marches Pizza.

Gareth Jones, Mallory House leader at The Marches School, said: "Let's Get Cooking is such a fantastic initiative; it really helps students to develop a passion for food.

"We are extremely lucky to be supported by some fantastic volunteers, who give up their time to come into school and deliver sessions with the students and are delighted to be taking part in the cookathon."

Ceriann Rush from the Children's Food Trust, said: "Let's Get Cooking gives adults and children the confidence, skills and knowledge to make healthy food choices and cook good food. We provide training, resources and support to help set up healthy cooking programmes."

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Scaremongering claims as fracking plan denied

By Tom Morton

REPORTS that controversial fracking could soon be taking place near Oswestry have been firmly denied by the company said to be behind the scheme.

Members of the Frack Free Dee campaign group claimed the Shropshire/North Wales border is being targeted by multinational energy firm Dart Energy, which has made a number of applications to set up methane drilling sites in the area.

And the group could stage protests if permission is granted amid fears it may pave the way for fracking to take place in the county in future years.

They say the proposals, which include plans for land at Brooklands Farm in Dudleston, near Ellesmere, would be the first step towards controversial shale gas fracking being introduced in Shropshire.

But a spokesman for Dart Energy has denied there are any plans for fracking in Shropshire. He said the planned exploratory drilling would be for coal-bed methane gas only, and said the company was only interested in "science not scaremongering".

Shale gas extraction or "fracking" involves injecting water and chemicals into the ground to fracture rocks to release gas, and has been dogged by claims from opponents that the process can pollute the water table and even trigger earthquakes.

Plans for methane drilling in Dudleston were revealed on Tuesday. But Dart Energy was dealt a blow on Monday when members of Wrexham County Borough Council rejected plans for a bore hole in Borras for a second time due to concerns raised by residents.

Andrew Roberts of Frack Free Dee said Dart Energy had completed a test drill in Farndon, near Wrexham. He said the company was questioning if it needed to carry out an environmental impact assessment before submitting an application to drill in Dudleston.

"That does not instil much confidence that Dart Energy wish to do all they can to safeguard the people and the environment if they would prefer to do the least amount possible to substantiate the safety of their practices," he said.

Douglas Bain of Dart Energy said: "People should not associate fracking with CBM extraction.

"We've no plans to come back and drill the CBM well as a shale gas (fracking) well. We don't have the rights to do that."

Former tip to become caravan sales site

OSWESTRY'S former rubbish tip is set to be transformed into a base for a new caravan business after planning officers judged the change would not impact upon the nearby historic Wat's Dyke.

The officers have recommended that the town's former recycling centre at the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate can be changed and used for the sale of static and touring caravans.

In a report to go before Shropshire Councillors next week at their north planning committee meeting, the officers say the transformation of the area by applicant Euro Source and Find Ltd is an appropriate use of the site and would not have any detrimental effect on Wat's Dyke, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

The 40-mile earthwork runs through the northern Welsh Marches, passing to the east of Oswestry and onto Maesbury .

Historians believe the dyke was once a considerable construction, considered to be more sophisticated than Offa's Dyke.

Shropshire Councillors will be told on Tuesday that advice had been sought from English Heritage on the plans.

The meeting starts at 2pm.

Choir set for church show

THE Fron Male Voice Choir will headline a concert for Marie Curie Cancer Care at St Mary's Churcho n June 14.

Tickets are £12.50 and will be available from Flaunt It Card & Gift Shop, Derwas, or the tourist information centre in Welshpool.

Fostering team in call for short break carers to help out disabled

PEOPLE in Powys are being encouraged to become short break carers in their neighbourhood to support local children with disabilities and their families.

Powys County Council's fostering team is encouraging Powys residents to think about becoming short break carers as there are many children who are eager to have short breaks.

Over the coming months, the fostering team will be out and about across the county encouraging people to get involved.

Candy Smith, chief executive of Short Breaks Network, said: "Not only do short break carers give children the chance to take part in activities that most non-disabled children take for granted they also give parents a break from the demands of caring.

"Being a short break carer is such a rewarding and enjoyable role to have in a disabled child's but not many people know about it. We hope that when they hear about the opportunity many more people will think "I could do that" and find out more."

Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, cabinet member responsible for children's services, added: "We need short break carers in Powys who can help children with disabilities take part in community activities and provide their families with a break."

Anybody interested should call (01874) 614030.

Students surprise shoppers

Derwen students in dance action at Eagle Meadows.

COLLEGE students took shoppers by surprise when they sprung out of nowhere and put on a street dance performance.

The flash mob put on by students at Derwen College, near Oswestry, put on the display at Eagles Meadow shopping centre in Wrexham.

It was planned and choreographed by the students as part of work for performing arts courses.

As 22-year-old Darren Temple stood in the middle of a shopping precinct and put up his hand, passers-by started to take interest. Then Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" started to sound out and he was joined by more than 30 others, clapping and singing.

A flash mob, a seemingly impromptu piece of entertainment that has actually been planned and choreographed, has become popular not only in Britain but across the world.

Maryanne Hodgkinson, head of art, media and business studies at Derwen College, said: "The suggestion for Derwen students to do a flash mob came from the people at Focus Wales . The Performing Arts Department had been wanting to do one for some time and our contact with the organisation came along just at the right time to spur them into action.

NEWS in brief

Police seek help after a burglary

POLICE want to trace a dark blue vehicle which was spotted in Llanymynech and may have connections with a burglary in the village

Officers say that between 2.30-2.45pm on Friday a man in his 20s, 5ft 4in to 5ft 6in inches tall, wearing a black hooded top and dark coloured trousers, approached a house in Llanymynech and made off in a dark blue coloured four door saloon car.

A similar vehicle was later seen between 3.15pm - 3.30pm in the Four Crosses with three men inside.Later that evening a house was burgled.

Anyone with information, contact Welshpool CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Group turns out for big clean up

A group turned out in Oswestry last weekend for a litter pick at one of the town's green areas.

The litter pick was organised by the Eastern Oswestry Greenspace Association and took place on Saturday in Henley Woods.

Gwyn Tipton, secretary of Eastern Oswestry Greenspace Association, said: "We had a great time seeing who could find the most unusual item. The list contained a double bed mattress and a squashed shopping trolley and we filled 40 odd bin bags."

Easter means busy time on the market

THE arrival of Spring means a busy time ahead on Oswestry Market.

On Friday, April 18 Oswestry Town Council is organising the annual Easter Family Day from 9am to 2pm on the Bailey Head. Churches Together will be telling the Easter story and operating a free Easter egg hunt.

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NEWS

Systems "inherently unsafe" train crash enquiry reveals

by Sean Wozencroft

RAIL passengers were injured when their train struck a farm trailer at a crossing near Welshpool where the system of work in use was "inherently unsafe", according to an accident report.

Two of those hurt needed hospital treatment after the accident involving an Arriva Trains Wales train near Welshpool.

The tractor driver and two other people suffered minor injuries in the collision which caused significant damage to the front of the train, the report by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch said.

The incident happened just before midday on July 16 at Buttington Hall crossing . The farm crossing was being used by tractors bringing in a harvest from fields on the opposite side of the line to the farm.

The farmer had appointed a contractor to carry out the harvesting operation, and an attendant had been provided at the crossing to phone the signaller and operate the gates.

The RAIB said: "The accident occurred because the system of work in use at the crossing was inherently unsafe, leading to ineffective control of road vehicle movements over the crossing and frequent use of the crossing without the signaller being contacted. This system broke down."

The RAIB also listed "underlying management factors." It said the harvest contractor did not implement an effective safe system of work at the crossing and that Network Rail's (NR) process for risk assessment of these types of crossing did not adequately deal with periods of intensive use.

Tractor driver Ifan Gwyn Evans, 28, of Penyffordd, Llanfyllin, and co-defendant John Elwyn Roberts, 74, of Oldford Rise, Welshpool, appeared at Mold Crown Court in January and pleaded not guilty. The trial is expected to take place in June.

Paralympic hope is back at home

AN army veteran who broke his neck and back in a training accident has arrived home after spending 10 days in Sochi to witness the Paralympics.

Mikey Hall, 38, who grew up in St Martin's, near Oswestry, visited the Athletes' Village and met the ParalympicsGB team, senior members of the International Paralympic Committee and British Paralympic Association

Mr Hall, who now lives in Richmond, North Yorkshire, was talent spotted for archery and pistol shooting after taking part in a skills test event at the Help for Heroes Phoenix House Recovery Centre, Catterick.

The former 1st the Queen's Dragoon Guards soldier, who attended Rhyn Park School and whose parents still live in the area, uses a wheelchair after falling on an assault course near Catterick Garrison.

Mr Hall is hoping to get on the Paralympic Team GB team for archery or shooting.

Third generation milestone

Alan and Sylvia Clayton from Trewern celebrate their Diamond wedding.

SILVIA Clayton is a great believer in the power of love - she is the third generation of her family to reach a romantic milestone.

Mrs Clayton's grandparents, Thomas and Esther Owen, were married in 1894 and celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in 1954.

Their son, Mrs Clayton's uncle Fred, married his wife Sarah Jane in 1923 and they celebrated their diamond wedding in 1983.

And now Mrs Clayton, 81, and her husband Alan, 83, from Trewern, near Welshpool, are celebrating their own diamond anniversary after being married for 60 years.

They reached the milestone last Thursday.

Mrs Clayton said she didn't realise exactly how long her grandparents had been married until she and Alan got back from their own honeymoon.

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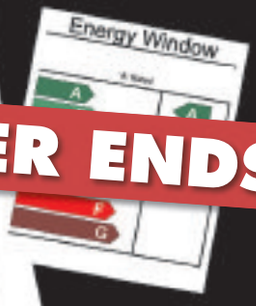

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Students receive society honours

STUDENTS at schools across Mid Wales have been presented with awards by a London-based group which celebrates the region.

The Montgomeryshire Society, based in the capital, is an association for people who have links to the former county which now makes up the nothern part of Powys.

The society holds a programme of social and cultural events throughout the year and runs a number of competitions for school children.

The society's president, Michael Gibbon QC, visited a number of schools in the area last week to hand out awards to pupils.

He visited Ysgol Bro Ddyfi, Machynlleth, Llanidloes High School, Caereinion High School and Llanfyllin High School to present certificates.

Catherine Emmerich, the society's competitions secretary, said: "The society promotes a varied programme of social and cultural events throughout the year including an annual reception, dinner, lectures, visits and social events.

"The society has established a number of competitions for the young people of the county and our current president, Michael Gibbon, presented prizes to the winners."

Tourism publication for 8,000 bedrooms

EIGHT thousand copies of a new publication, which is packed with information about things to see and do while visiting Mid Wales, are to be distributed to tourist accommodation providers across the region ready for Easter.

The 2014 'Bedroom Browser' guide to 'Days out in Mid Wales' will be available in hotel rooms, guest houses, bed and breakfast, self-catering and caravan accommodation. It contains useful information about a huge range of attractions, activities and places to visit in Meirionnydd, Ceredigion and Powys and the Welsh Marches.

Forty-four attractions are supporting the new publication, which complements the 'Show Me Wale' websites and app produced by MWT, an independent organisation representing around 600 tourism and hospitality businesses across Mid and South Wales.

In addition to the 'Bedroom Browser', MWT has produced a pad of tear off 'Show Me Wales' information maps, which can be given to visitors staying in accommodation within the region.

By Graham Breeze

The 'Bedroom Browser' has detailed information about everything from adrenalin pumping activities, national trails for walkers and spectacular wildlife and nature attractions to narrow gauge railways, arts and craft centres and heritage and family attractions.

"Having received an excellent response from advertisers this year, we are delighted with the finished product, which I am sure is going to be very popular with guests staying in accommodation across Mid Wales," said MWT's chief executive Val Hawkins. "The Bedroom Browser presents a good overview of the best that the region has to offer visitors.

"With 8,000 Bedroom Browsers in individual bedrooms, even with 50 per cent occupancy, we calculate that in excess of one million visitors will see them."

Company plans charity row

Richard Corbett and Ceri Littler get ready for event on the river.

A team of chartered surveyors are hoping to slay the competition in a dragon boat race in aid of The Severn Hospice.

Staff from Roger Parry and Partners based in Oswestry and Welshpool were among the first to snap up a place for the charity's annual Dragon Boat Festival, which will take place on June 22.

The festival will see crews of up to 20 people race in 40 foot-long dragon boats along the River Severn near Pengwern Boat Club in Shrewsbury.

Richard Corbett, partner at Roger Parry and Partners, said: "Unfortunately many of us know people who have been affected by cancer and other life limiting conditions who have been cared for at local hospices.

"The staff at Severn Hospice provide amazing levels of care and support for their patients and families. We are extremely pleased to be able to take part in the fundraising efforts for such an invaluable service."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

A team that will regulate the work carried out by estate agents across the UK has started work and few will believe it is made up of Powys and Anglesey trading standard officers.

The National Trading Standards Estate Agency Team (NTSEAT) has taken over the enforcement role from the Office of Fair Trading, which was disbanded on Monday.

The two councils submitted a joint proposal to deliver the service and the bid won approval and Powys will now receive £178,000 a year as part of the three-year contract.

The team will assess whether or not an individual or business in any part of the UK is fit to carry out estate agency work within the terms of the Estate Agents Act.

On the face of it this would appear to be a very strange route to approach for a council faced with having to find massive savings. But might this just be the start of many new revenue streams for the authority.

The figure of £178,000 doesn't seem much, especially when you consider there are three new posts, but if there is more business out there it may well be a positive move for Powys.

John Powell, Cabinet Member responsible for Trading Standards, says the council wants to develop this project further with Powys becoming a centre of excellence for the UK on estate agency enforcement matters.

Those are interesting words considering the calamitous goings on in recent weeks in Powys Council chambers. You would hardly describe the council as a centre of excellence or as a model for other authorities to follow at the moment, could you?

It's ground breaking stuff for the authority but not rocket science. So it's hats off to whoever thought out of the box a little.

The authority has expertise in many other fields and all avenues should be explored for introducing new revenue opportunities. It's far better than simply putting up taxes.

Gambler

I'm not a regular gambler but when a work colleague pointed out that you could get odds of 40-1 on local favourite Mountainous in Saturday's Grand National I couldn't resist. After all he did win the Welsh National and I am friends with the owners.

Where I went wrong was calling into the nearest Corals shop to lay my bet where the odds were down to 25-1.

Just around the corner my colleague was getting 40-1 from William Hill.

As long as we get a winner I'll still be happy.

The station commander at RAF Cosford Group Captain Adam Sansom

Pilots Andy Cumming and Peter Gaskell prepare for the show, which has classic and modern air-

Show Director Amanda Butcher said the people are interested to see where their tax money goes

Dazzling displays will thrill crowds at show

The secret's out – Cosford Air Show has announced its itinerary for this year. WILL ACKERMANN reports

MILITARY aircraft soaring through the skies, ducking, weaving and diving in dazzling displays. It can only mean one thing – the RAF Cosford Air Show is back.

Every year, tens of thousands of people from all over the UK flock to the show – the region's biggest aviation event and one of only two official RAF air shows anywhere in the country.

Organisers have announced they may even have to cap number of visitors allowed in at this year's show, on June 8, to avoid a repeat of last year's traffic chaos.

At the official launch last week, they also unveiled an array of aircraft for the 2014 event, promising to deliver the best of the modern day Royal Air Force alongside classic models from years gone by.

Displays

Among them will be the Blades and the four-ship Yakolevs, performing aerobatic displays alongside the Red Arrows, as well as the Spitfire, which was based at Cosford for a time during World War Two.

Meanwhile, the jet line-up includes the classic Hunter T7 and the ultra-modern RAF Typhoon, while, in this centenary year there will also be a pair of Boeing Stearman biplanes with the Breitling Wingwalkers and the classic aircraft of the Great War Team.

The Calidus Autogyro and Bücker Jungmann stretched their wings and warmed up their engines at the airfield in Albrighton during the launch event, showing off stomach-turning displays,

Flt Sgt Bob Macay pipes in this years airshow, to be held on Sunday, June 8

alongside other aircraft including the Tucano T1 and Bulldog T1.

Air show director Amanda Butcher said the event in June would be a chance to show the public what the Royal Air Force does every day.

But she added it would be about more than just planes.

"There is also a children's fun fair, inflatables, simulator rides and military bands also providing entertainment," she added.

"It's a whole day's entertainment. The gates open at 8.30am and from the minute visitors arrive there will be something happening."

She added: "People are interested in the military.

"Their taxes are paying for it and it's something they don't normally get access to, so this gives us a chance to literally open the doors and let people have a look." More than 60,000 people – including Prince Harry – came to last year's event, causing heavy congestion on the M54, with queues stretching back up to six miles, as well as on other main roads leading to the airfield.

Limit

Organisers say they will decide whether or not to limit the number of tickets they put out this year depending on advance sales.

Already they have sold almost 2,000, having only begun accepting bookings two weeks ago.

Wing commander Paul Lilly, chairman of this year's air show, said: "Last year was an outstanding success with 60,000 people coming here.

"We do realise there was a lot of traffic congestion so we have already started work to engage with the Highways Agency and the police to look at how we can improve."

The air show has been running for more than 20 years and the Cosford base celebrated its 75th anniversary last year.

This year's event will mark the 50th anniversaries of the Red Arrows and the Kestrel aircraft, as well as the 65th anniversary of the Canberra and 100 years since the start of the First World War.

On the ground, three large hangars will feature interactive displays showing the engineering and technical skills taught at RAF Cosford, with each of the individual specialist schools having its own area, many including the chance for visitors to have their photographs taken in the cockpit.

One ground display unique to RAF Cosford will be a line-up celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first light of the Kestrel, the prototype for the Harrier.

The RAF Museum's restored Kestrel will be brought up to date with static examples of the Harrier GR3 and GR9 and the naval variant the FA2, on special loan for this year's celebration.

Wing commander Lilly said: "As always, we are looking at building on previous successes."

He added: "We believe in engaging with the public and also in promoting the RAF and showing what we do as an air force.

"It's also an opportunity to thank people for the support they have given us during service, as well as members of the public."

Last year's event raised more than £300,000 for various charities, which was handed over in cheque presentations at yesterday's launch.

Advance tickets are on sale now at £20 and free for children under 16.

To book, visit www.cosfordairshow.co.uk or call 0871 230 1083.

WORKING FOR YOU

Glyn Davies MP.

It's difficult to decide which is the more controversial in the Mid Wales/Shropshire area, onshore wind farms or the Hunting with Dogs Act.

This week's column is about the divisive issue of foxhunting. The issue has been in the news. There are very strongly held views on all sides. Safer to sit on the fence? Yes, but it's a pointless politician who ducks difficult issues.

I'm in the position of never having been a participant in country sports - while also being implacably opposed to the 2004 Hunting with Dogs Act which banned foxhunting.

At the time I thought it a deeply 'illiberal' Act which would increase rather than decrease animal suffering. But foxhunting was banned, remains banned, and I can see no prospect of repeal .

Even though the Coalition Government made a commitment to providing time for MPs to have a 'Free Vote' on repeal of the Hunting with Dogs Act before May 2015, I sense there is not a majority for repeal in the current House of Commons. I'm torn on the issue. No sense in pushing for a vote which would be lost, but I do like Governments which deliver on promises.

There has also been some speculation about whether the Government might reconsider the number of dogs allowed for 'flushing' the fox to the gun. In England and Wales the current limit is two dogs.

Personally, I always thought the two dog limit made no sense at all. It simply makes the process of fox control in sheep rearing Upland Wales more inefficient.

Some opponents of foxhunting claim that changing the 'two dog rule' would be "bringing back fox hunting through the back door". Since 'flushing' does not involve chasing the fox, it's hard to see how this claim justified.

While the fox's death is almost instant (far more so than by shooting) it does seem a bit gruesome. But I fundamentally disagree with them. The ban remains 'illiberal' and shooting remains a more cruel form of fox control than hunting with dogs. But I don't expect to change anyone's mind!

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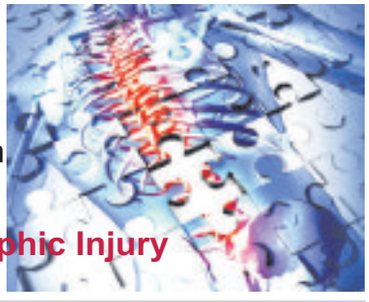

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Q: After leaving school I went to work for the local farrier. Over fifteen years I came up with various ideas to improve the business and when the owner decided to retire he asked me if I wanted to take over. We made a gentleman's agreement on price for equipment, materials and good will, to be paid monthly over a year. I took over the lease on the premises and set up a limited company using the same name as when it was a sole trading company, with his blessing.

Now, three months on, the former owner is saying I cannot use the name as I still owe money on the business. He also wants additional payment in lieu of jobs booked before I took over, and he claims we agreed a higher sum than we did. He says he will take me to court and prevent me from trading unless I change the name and settle the debt. Can he do this?

A: Making a verbal agreement in business is a dangerous move. If you had consulted a solicitor you would have had a written agreement drawn up and there would have been no question about what had been agreed.

A gentleman's agreement can be legally binding. The problem is proving what was agreed. If the previous owner sold you the rights to the business he cannot do anything which unlawfully interferes with the business and if he threatens to you can seek an injunction from the Courts to prevent him doing anything.

If as you say he agreed that you could carry on with the business and trade as that same business, i.e. use the name, then that is not dependant on you having made full payment for the business. Your situation is quite complex and it would be advisable for you to seek legal advice as soon as possible.

Further information relating to this question is available from Eliot Hibbert, a partner with GHP Legal.
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Christ's route is the way to dreams

IN 1937 HG Wells, looking towards a rosy future wrote: "Can we doubt that presently our race will . . . achieve unity and peace and our children will live in a world made more splendid and lovely than any palace or garden that we know, going on from strength to strength in an ever-widening circle of achievements'.

Ten years later after a world war, his dream in tatters, he spoke of the intervening horrors with no hope for the future. Since then we have seen such progress in science and technology that it has transformed our lives, making things possible that were beyond our wildest dreams. Travel, communications, home, work, all easier, more time for leisure.

HG Wells's dream come true, yes? Everyone happy, why not, because every advance and invention has been used, not only for good but evil. Explosives can shatter rock or human lives, oil fuels tractors and tanks, passenger planes and bombers. We have the ability to feed the world but billions go hungry. Machines to make life easier yet billions slave to survive. Why? Because man is born selfish.

We blame the leaders. Politicians make wars, but politicians without followers are powerless. Don't toucha ma car or I'll smasha your face. The fact is we are born sinners, only Jesus, God's Son has the power to change us. His love is the only hope for us and our world.

RON JONES
St Martins

Making my point clear

WITH regard to complaints about the statement I made about the memorial to the Holocaust, in Telford. Firstly, I must point out England went to war with Germany because of the invasion of Poland.

Civilians are still dying from the effects of two massacres. This was a holocaust – a word meaning to destroy by fire.

It would be interesting to hear from some German survivors, instead of the race which is now the richest in the world.

RAY JONES
Oswestry

House price boom fuelled by fat cats

THERE appears to be yet more hysteria in the press about house prices. I have obtained the actual raw data from the Land registry and figures differ hugely.

The press mainly concentrates on a total UK figure which is heavily skewed by London price increases .

Mr Robert Choate, who heads the Office for Budget Responsibility is quoted as saying the "soaring demand, driven by rising confidence, increased lending, and Government schemes such as help to buy are all combining with a lack of supply" to fuel this demand. In other words the cause is national.

There are various interpretations of the data depending on seasonal adjustments. The set I looked at for the period January 2013 to January 20 14, shows London and the South East, which is 30 per cent of the population experiencing an average 9.14 per cent increase in price which accounts for well over half the total increase by value (about 66 per cent).

The other 70 per cent of the population accounts for the rest. Obviously there are factors at work in London and the South East which are exclusive to them and not the general factors of Mr Choate.

So if we accept the view that housing inflation is as the media puts it "on the verge of a dangerous housing bubble" we are ignoring the fact that 70 per cent of households, including Shropshire, are hovering at an average of 2.5 per cent and ignoring the fact that any fiscal control based on an overall average will most likely decimate most of that 70 per cent.

ROBIN LLOYD
Ellesmere

When the flying pickets came to town

In September 1972 flying pickets descended on building sites in Shrewsbury and Telford during a building workers' strike. This photo shows men waiting for the start of a meeting of the Oswestry strike action committee which met in secret at the Labour Club in Oswestry on September 8 to discuss the trouble.

Clear out is a big help to charity

I AM writing to thank you and your readers for the support you've shown so far for West Midlands British Heart Foundation shops Spring Clear Out campaign.

To mark the official start of spring, BHF shops recreated Van Gogh's iconic tulips image from donated stock to encourage locals to think about having a clear out.

Using a quarter of a tonne of donated items, the creation measured 20m x 20m. Spring is the perfect time to refresh your home so why not take advantage and book a free collection today? For larger furniture and electrical items, book online at: bhf.org.uk/free or call 0800 915 3000 to arrange a collection for any items.

ANDREA BAKER
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Standard of food at hospital was good

AFTER reading the article about the standard of food at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in the Shropshire Star on March 12, I felt very strongly that I needed to reply.

After breaking my hip in May last year, and during a month's stay at RSH, I can only say that I found the standard of food to be very good, with a choice of menu for each meal. It was served hot and well cooked, tasty, albeit without salt, although that could be requested on individual basis.

I have absolutely no complaints at all about the food and think the staff work really hard to try and please everybody. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody on Ward 22 for all of their nursing care and kindness.

C M LITTLE, Shrewsbury

No shock that young can vote

IT is no surprise to hear that Scottish 15 and 16 -year-olds have been given a vote in the forthcoming independence referendum.

It is very surprising that the over-60s have not been banned from voting given that this is the age group that is most aware of the dangerous risks that first minister Alex Salmond is taking.

While the record of the evil English rule over the innocent Scots unfolds you will hear no mention of the Barnett Formula.

This the financial mechanism by which central Government calculates how much, per capita, goes to every English, Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh man and woman.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Charity's help for children in danger

AS a parent you love your children and want to protect them. You want them to be happy and safe as they grow up and make friends.

But imagine how you would feel if you discovered your child was being sexually exploited. You would want them to trust you so that you could help make it stop.

Barnardo's has launched a hard-hitting TV advert to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. We want parents to be alive to the tell-tale signs that their children may be vulnerable to abuse.

Hundreds of young people are unwittingly putting themselves at risk every month and a survey of Barnardo's specialist services has shown that many are being groomed and exploited online and are going missing from home or care every month.

Young people are being targeted by perpetrators through a variety of mediums including social networks like Facebook, instant messaging apps, dating apps, photo sharing apps such as Snapchat and via online gaming.

Barnardo's is here to help. If you are concerned that your child is at risk of sexual exploitation you may want to contact one of Barnardo's services for advice. Please call our supporter careline on 0800 008 7005.

LYNN PERRY
Barnardo's

Concerned over fees

It is illegal to work as a nurse or a midwife in the UK without being on the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

When my daughter started nursing, the fee was every three years. This was changed to an annual fee. Last year it was £76, this year it was increased to £100 and now they want to raise it to £120 for next year.

She and her colleagues need just under 5,000 more signatures on the relevant Government e-petition athttp://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/60164

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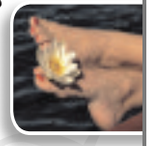
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Get creative at art workshop

BUDDING designers will be able to create their own piece of jewellery or enamel art at a workshop to be held in Oswestry.

Professional enameller Pat Thatcher will lead the day-long workshop on April 12 at the Willow Gallery, Willow Street.

During the day, participants will learn how to clean and prepare the metal, sift and wet lay enamel, and make a piece of jewellery using enamel, scriaffitto, millifiori beads, stencil or stamping.

Advance booking is essential. The workshop will cost £45 including materials. For more details call (01691) 657575.

Music society's meeting date

THE next meeting of the Oswestry Recorded Music Society will take place today (Thursday).

The title of today's programme will be "The Natural World".

The society meets at The Qube in Oswald Road on alternate Thursday evenings.

Recitals begin at 7.30pm and new members and guests are welcome.

The group is aimed at people who enjoy listening to music in a friendly atmosphere.

For more information contact 01691 682485.

Council denying claims on windfarm objections

A dispute has broken out over claims Powys County Council has weakened its opposition to controversial plans to build windfarms in Mid Wales.

Campaigners say they are "surprised and disappointed" by what they see as the council's withdrawal of some of its objections.

by Iain St John

But the council has denied its position had changed on the plans which are currently subject to a public inquiry in Welshpool.

The inquiry was set up after Powys County Council's cabinet raised objections to plans for windfarms at Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llanbrynmair, Llaithddu, Llandinam and Carnedd Wen as well as the installation of an electricity line at Llandinam.

However, the council has been accused of withdrawing elements of its opposition to some of what is being proposed, particularly by entering what is known as a "statement of common ground" on matters relating to the cumulative landscape and visual impact of the proposals.

Jonathan Wilkinson from Montgomeryshire Against Pylons said he felt the council had changed it position as the inquiry had progressed.

He said: "We are surprised and disappointed at what we see is a change in approach from the council. Our initial arguments remain and we will carry on with what we are doing."

However, County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member for planning, said alterations have only been made to the council's position when revisions to the plans rendered its original position unsustainable, when new information was provided to address perceived deficiences, where investigation demonstrated an issue initially raised could not be supported or maintained, or when other bodies had revised their stance.

The councillor added: "It is a routine part of the process and one expected by the inspector, that the council enter into appropriate statements of common ground on a range of topics."

Exhibition to honour sweethearts

Qube volunteer Elaine Payne transcribed many of the handwritten letters.

A new exhibition is set to pay tribute to the local "Sweethearts and Sons" who lived through World War One.

Qube Gallery in Oswestry has recreated an Edwardian parlour as the setting for a captivating collection of artefacts, stories and memorabilia from local people, including items from the Welsh Guards Museum at Park Hall and Oswestry Town Museum.

One of the most fascinating items in the exhibition is a collection of letters from young men serving across the Channel.

Qube volunteer Elaine Payne has helped to transcribe the letters so visitors can read them easily.

She said: "It's been an absorbing experience and amazing privilege to type the handwritten letters. You realise that these are real people talking and the little details of their lives and it's fascinating."

The exhibition is on display in the main gallery at Qube. Admission is free.

Force's new man takes up top job

A new deputy chief constable has been appointed at Dyfed-Powys Police.

Carl Langley has been appointed to the position following a selection process held by Chief Constable Simon Prince.

Mr Langley joined Dyfed Powys in March 2012 as assistant chief constable from Lincolnshire Police.

He said: "I am excited and honoured to be appointed as deputy chief constable.

"Dyfed-Powys is an excellent force and over the last two years I have got to know a lot of officers and staff and I have seen their commitment and hard work to bring about justice, and to deliver services that are truly customer focused.

"I look forward to continuing the work that is already underway to ensure that we put the public at the heart of all that we do, and ensure that everyone receives the quality of service that they are entitled to expect from their police force."

Mr Prince said: "The appointment of Carl Langley as my deputy is excellent news for the force and for the communities of Dyfed-Powys. Carl has already proved himself as an asset to the force with the work he undertook on operational policing while assistant chief constable.

Funeral held for former cricketer

THE funeral has taken place of Shropshire County Cricket Club president Bryan Foulkes MBE.

Mr Foulkes, of Four Crosses near Oswestry, was 77 when he died and his funeral was held on March 14, on what would have been his 78th birthday.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Mrs Foulkes said her husband ran the third generation egg and poultry packing firm in Four Crosses for many years before relocating the business to firstly Roushill and then Kingsland Road in Shrewsbury, although the family remained in Four Crosses.

Mr Foulkes received a Paul Harris Fellowship for is work with Shrewsbury Rotary Club and in his latter years was on the monitor board for Shrewsbury prison His community work in his home community earned him an MBE for services to Powys.

"He was a community councillor and was also involved with the Royal British Legion as county chairman," Mrs Foulkes said.

She said her husband had been a keen sportsman, a footballer for Rodney's Rovers team of the 1950s and a cricketer for Alberbury."

Drop in centre plans to bring the sparkle back

A drop in centre that aims to bring a little sparkle back into people's lives has opened in Oswestry.

Age UK has launched its new Diamond Drop In which organisers said were becoming invaluable and popular as social support groups for people with memory difficulties and their carers.

by Sue Austin

The new centre is at Yorkfields in Liverpool Road West and will run fortnightly on Mondays from 11am to 1pm.

Sessions are organised to support the carer as well as the person that they are caring for by giving them an opportunity to relax and chat and maybe have a hand or neck massage.

The activities planned for Oswestry include reminiscence, story telling, singing, music and an Easter craft session.

Heather Osborne, chief executive, said: "We are very proud to have opened our new Diamond Drop In Centre in Oswestry.

"Living with dementia touches the lives of over 5,000 people in Shropshire and the people who care for them and we hope that by coming along to these groups we can help to put a little sparkle back into their lives.

"Age UK have got this new Drop In off the ground through working in partnership with Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing and through a grant generously provided by Shropshire Council.

"We are always looking for more volunteers to support our Diamond Drop Ins. You could volunteer to be a regular member of one of the teams, alternatively you may have a skill that that you would like to donate to a Drop In.

"If you play an instrument, can sing, tell a story, could demonstrate a hobby or chat about a motor bike or car that you have restored that would be something different for members of the Drop In.

More information is available from Age UK's dementia support worker on 01743 233123.

Evelyn and Joe Young at the centre

NEWS in brief

Last chance to save the parade

A "make or break" meeting will be held to decide whether a traditional parade, which celebrates a village's mining heritage, should go ahead this year.

Organisers of St Martins's annual lantern parade said only three people turned out to a public meeting to attract new faces for the project.

It was decided to stage another meeting on April 15 and if there was not more interest at those talks, the lantern parade, which was first held eight years ago, will be scrapped.

People who need more details should contact (01978) 710327.

Unusual craft is in the spotlight

AN unusual craft will be put in the spotlight next week during a two-day workshop at an Oswestry art gallery.

The Willow Gallery in Willow Street will welcome Amy Sterly to lead a class on the technique of dry point printmaking.

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NEWS in brief

Tidy-up volunteers praised for efforts

PEOPLE in Welshpool who took part in a big clean–up last week have been thanked for their hard work.

The Keep Welshpool Tidy week ended with councillors, representatives of Keep Tidy Wales and the town clerk Robert Robinson gathering to collect litter, clear black bags, take down old signs and arrage collection of old sofas and other larger items.

The spring clean was organised by Keep Tidy Wales and Welshpool Town Council.

Councillor John Meredith, town mayor, said: "We'd like to thank everyone who took part."

Rotarians still on lookout for bikes

WELSHPOOL Rotarians held an evening meeting at The Royal Oak Hotel when the speaker was Rotarian Fiona Potts, who gave a presentation about the club's social media sites.

The vote of thanks was given by Mike Wynne-Griffith.

Eighteen months ago the club took part in the Bikes For Africa campaign, where unwanted bicycles were refurbished by prisoners in Liverpool jail and sent to Africafor use by children to travel to and from school.

To donate a bicycle call (01938) 555574.

AM in new call for action as business park stands empty

CALLS are being made for more to be done to market a business park which remains empty, despite a multi-million pound investment five years ago.

The £1.9 million Offa's Dyke Business Park extension near Welshpool was launched in October 2009, but remains deserted.

by Iain St John

The business park was created as part of the £7.5 million Severn Valley Regeneration Programme funded in the main by Welsh Government and European Funding

The 15-acre extension at the Trewern site, near Welshpool, has room for 19 business units.

Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George called for the the Welsh Government to do more to market the site when he raised the issue at the Welsh Assembly .

He said: "Millions of pounds of public money have been spent on the extension of Offa's Dyke Business Park to help benefit the economy of Mid Wales, but five years on, it still lies empty."

He asked Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Local Government and Government Business, to make a statement on the situation.

In reply Mrs Griffiths said: "My understanding is that it is construction-ready, with all the necessary infrastructure in place.

"The work was completed way before the banking crisis and recession, from which the commercial property market has yet to fully recover.

"Individual plots continue to be marketed with on-site signage, and through the Wales property database."

Mr George said he would carry on calling for the Welsh Government to be more proactive in marketing the site.

He said: "This is a very important issue given the level of public investment that has been made at this site.

"I raised the need to improve transport connections in a debate a few weeks ago in a bid to attract businesses to occupy the site."

Painting could sell for £100,000

The Dirk van Delen painting going under the hammer

An oil painting by a Dutch master discovered in country cottage near Welshpool is expected to fetch more than £100,000 when it is sold at auction.

'Dives and Lazarus' by artist Dirck van Delen will go under the hammer in Shrewsbury on April 16. It is believed the painting has been hanging on a wall in the cottage for several decades.

But it was spotted by the head of art at Shrewsbury-based auctioneers Halls, who helped get the painting verified.

The painting was bought by the current owner's father from London art dealers in the 1930s and for many years hung at a family property in Gloucestershire before being moved to adorn the cottage near Welshpool.

Allan Darwell, head of Halls art department, said: "From the moment I saw it I knew it was 17th Century and special."

Dated to the 1620s the painting depicts the parable of Dives and Lazarus.

Council in help plea on street boozing

WELSHPOOL is closing in on a much needed alcohol ban from designated public places, but it needs the backing of the town.

And there are concerns that if the support doesn't come in over the next few days, it could be years before the town could apply again.

"The relevant parties like the town council, police and businesses all support such a ban, but we must demonstrate that there is a need for it from the town as a whole," said Town Clerk Robert Robinson.

"We have distributed 2,500 town surveys to every household in Welshpool but to date there have only been a few hundred replies which is not good enough really.

Engage

"We need the whole town to engage in this debate and if there is a need for a control order to be brought in then it will be applied for."

The order would not affect drinking outside of pubs but would stop people drinking in hot spots like Puzzle Square, the Berriew Street Car Park toilet area and the high street benches.

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Library cards handed to all children in the area

By Andrew Morris

LIBRARIES and schools in the Welshpool area will be among the first in Wales to provide cards for youngsters to borrow books.

The roll out of free library cards has been started by the Welsh Assembly this week and all children aged eight and nine have been sent cards.

Powys was one of the first counties to get involved with the scheme, the Assembly said.

John Griffiths, minister for culture and sport, said: "The link between library usage and literacy levels is well-documented - over 42,000 children in Wales took part in last year's summer reading challenge which ran in 245 libraries across the country.

"Those children that took part maintained or improved their reading levels and we are hoping to build on this by giving every child the opportunity to use their library to borrow books and access all the other services available to them.

"This library card will allow the children to borrow books straight away and get a free goodie bag to carry their books home with them.

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"They will also have somewhere safe to meet friends and can take part in activities which are held at the library."

For more information visit www.welshlibraries.org/schools

Market boosts town trade

Claire Couvreur on her stall at the European Market

THE tastes, smells and products of Continental Europe were enjoyed by visitors when a European food and craft fair set up in Welshpool last Friday.

The event in High Street was part of a programme of ideas put together to boost trade in the town and help the wider economy.

The market was hosted by Welshpool Town Council and saw a variety of traditional European food and craft fair on offer. The traders were invited back to the the town following the success of a similar event last year.

Traders from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Holland, Poland and various other countries wore traditional costumes to sell high quality products.

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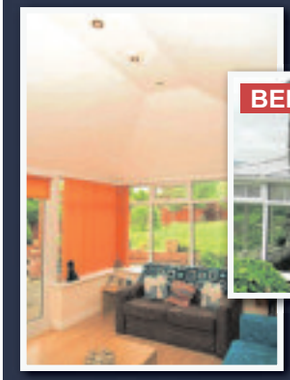

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Pupils in cooking contest success

A recipe for fish and chips took two young chefs to the final of a regional cooking competition.

Izzy Burton and Anna Davies, who are both in Year 9 at The Marches school in Oswestry, competed in the Bake Off Challenge at Reaseheath College, Nantwich.

Although the girls did not win the overall competition, Dee Evans, food technology teacher, said: "They were selected out of 45 other schools and over 100 entries to go through to the finals where they displayed their outstanding talents of baking.

"I am extremely proud of their achievements."

Gallery ready to put food on menu

AN art gallery in Oswestry is branching out to host evening eatery events.

The Willow Gallery in Willow Street, is planning a series of evenings to tempt the tastebuds.

Lindsay Chaplin, who runs the Willow Eatery in the gallery, said of the evenings, which began last week under the heading Evenings at the Eatery: "We will require reservations for numbers where possible, as we don't like to waste food but want there to be enough for everyone."

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Assurances are given on showpiece centre future

A public meeting into how cuts to youth services will affect Oswestry heard the future of the town's showpiece £2.2 million youth centre remains secure.

by Iain St John

The talks were staged by the Oswestry Equality Group over concerns about the impact the Shropshire Council cuts will have on young people in the town.

More than 30 people including town and county councillors attended the meeting.

One of the key speakers at the talks at the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre was Jay Moore, chairman of Fusion Arts which operates from The Centre in Oak Street.

He told the meeting the future of The Centre, which opened in December 2012, remained bright.

Mr Moore said: "I re-emphasised that the future of The Centre was secure and in fact went through a list of the many projects which we are currently involved with and some of the things we are looking to do in the future.

"There will be changes coming but it is more about streamlining and making things more efficient rather than closing things.

"I am actually all for it because I can see that we can make improvements to what is being offered at The Centre and by youth services.

"Many people are very unsure of what the future holds for youth provision so hopefully the meeting helped make it clearer."

Penny Rice from the Oswestry Equality Group said she was delighted at the success of the talks.

She said: "We had some very interesting speakers.

"County councillor Gwilym Butler was able to explain the county side of things and talk about finances while Richard Parkes from Shropshire Positive Activities gave a break down on how it affected things at ground level.

"Jay Moore from Fusion Arts got a fantastic response from the audience after he outlined the work they are doing at The Centre.

Memorial to Crimean War soldiers

Mary Abel from Oswestry unviels the plaque at St Oswalds Church

A PLAQUE has been unveiled to commemorate men who fought in the Peninsular War, Crimean War and at Waterloo.

The plaque, which was unveiled in St George's Chapel inside St Oswald's Church in Oswestry is the first part of a three-part project which is thought to be the only project of its kind in the UK.

Later this year a scroll listing the names of the men who fought put on display in the town museum and a booklet will be produced with more information about all of the soldiers listed.

Mark Hignett, one of the trustees at Oswestry Town Museum, said: "There are a few memorials to people who died in the Crimean war and lists in museums, but we don't know of anywhere that has a tribute to the men who fought, as opposed to the men who died.

The museum is now raising funding for the triptych scroll, which will cost about £1,500.

Welcome for news at town's station

VOLUNTEERS who look after Chirk's railway station have welcomed the news that it is to be made accessible for people with disabilities.

A footbridge will be built as part of a £2 million revamp of the station, on the Shrewsbury to Chester line, allowing travellers with disabilities to use platform one for the first time.

Members of the Friends of Chirk Station say they have been campaigning for improvements for 10 years and described the revamp as a "wonderful birthday present".

The friends group adopted the station 10 years ago and has carried out a lot of work work to make it more attractive to passengers.

One of the friends, Christine Ashford said that people had been lobbying long and hard for Access for All at railway stations in Wales.

"This will make a huge difference to the lives of the many passengers who use our award-winning station here in Chirk."

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NEWS in brief

Jobs boost as shop launched

A new shop has opened in Oswestry creating seven jobs.

Ponden Home welcomed shoppers with a 20 per cent off sale when it opened yesterday.(THURS)

The shop has taken over the former Ethel Austin shop in Church Street, which closed in 2012. It will sell soft furnishings and accessories.

Manager Tracey Edge said she was delighted that the shop was a hit.

"It's going to help regenerate the town centre I hope, and help encourage people to shop locally," she said.

"I'm hoping all the local people will support us."

Dance music nights on at club

MUSIC fans are being urged to get their dancing shoes on and attend a new monthly event in Oswestry.

Soul, reggae, punk and much more will be played on vinyl during the events at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Bailey Street.

A night of soul, Tamla Motown, R'n'B and funk will kick off the regular sessions on April 5.

Tickets are available for £3 at Honeysuckle, Rowanthorn and Outwhere Records in Oswestry. A night of punk will take place on May 10 followed by a reggae night on June 14

Festival-goers helping to support tumour charity

FESTIVAL-GOERS in Oswestry this May bank holiday will be helping a charity which raises awareness of brain tumours in children and young adults.

by Iain St John

Thousands of music fans gathering for the OsFest event, which will be headlined by Union J and Conor Maynard, will be asked to support The Isabelle Lottie Foundation.

Event director Carly Woodward said the foundation was chosen as the festival's charity of the year because of the largely unsung work it does.

"This year we are very proud to announce we are partnering The Isabelle Lottie Foundation in a bid to raise awareness of brain tumours in children and young adults by spreading the message of the HeadSmart campaign and promoting blood and platelet donation," she said.

"The Foundation will be attending the weekend to raise funds through some fun activities."

In previous years the festival has supported Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's bone cancer centre appeal and Afghan Heroes, a charity which was set up by mothers who had lost sons in the Afghanistan conflict.

The latest acts to be confirmed for the festival are 2014 Grammy Award Winner Foxes, X-Factor runner up Luke Friend and top 10 star Elyar Fox.

Other chart-topping stars have already been confirmed for this year's OsFest, with Union J, who shot to prominence after appearing on last year's X Factor, the first act to sign up. Conor Maynard and Wilkinson will also be performing on the Sunday.

The Saturday night will see Wiley take to the stage as well as appearances by Nina Nesbitt and Neon Jungle.

Tickets are still available for individual days, full weekend camping, non camping and VIP, and prices start from £29.50 for day tickets.

To buy tickets visit www.osfest.co.uk or call (01691) 680468.

Giant scissors gift for barbers

The Centre's Andrew Burnham and Sher Mills from Icon barber's shop

THERE'S no danger of staff at a county barber's shop missing a bit - they now have probably the biggest pair of scissors in the county.

The enormous shears were made by The British Ironwork Centre, based at Aston near Oswestry, and presented to the town's Icon men's barbers to mark its sixth year in business.

Andrew Burnham, who works at the centre and is a regular at the barbers, handed over the scissors as part of the company's work to support local businesses.

The surprise was welcomed by Sher Mills, owner of Icon, who said she was grateful for the gift.

The Ironworks has been involved in many local school projects as well as raising funds for charities close to staff members' hearts.

Most recently staff members have signed to a number of physical challenges, raising money for the Hope House Children's Hospice.

Courses will take artists to gardens

A painting course will be taking budding artists to some beautiful gardens to get inspiration for their work.

The painting gardens course will be led by Tereska Shepherd, the curator of the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

Students will be taken on painting visits to some of the most beautiful and interesting gardens in the area including Powis Castle in Welshpool, The Dingle in Shrewsbury Quarry, and local allotments.

Back in the studio they will experiment with a wide range of watercolour and mixed media techniques, and the students will be asked to study their own gardens to get inspiration.

Tereska has recently had work accepted for the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour Annual Exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London. The exhibition features work inspired by gardens and gardening, and she will be teaching students to paint similar works during the eight-session course.

At the end of the course, which started on Wednesday and runs until July 17, the students will have the chance to show their own work at an exhibition in The Dunbabin Room at the Willow Gallery.

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Bodytech Health Clubs, Oswestry are gearing up to secure their place as Shropshire's Number One Spinning centre by making further additions to their already popular spin timetable starting Monday 7th April, see advert on page 17.

The move will see Bodytech increase the number of Spin sessions at their Oswestry site to 15 classes a week. Introducing a number of unique styles of group cycling classes such as; Beginners and Easy spin for those who are lacking fitness or new to the sport, Pure Spin for the cycling purist, and Bodytech Spin - The chain's already well known and well-loved brand of spinning.

The club also has big plans to introduce 'Race Day Spin' in the near future. The class will utilise projectors and speakers to give participants the virtual experience of taking part in the Tour de France.

Bodytech Managing Director Jeff Anderson said "Our plan is to make Bodytech Oswestry one of the best Spinning Centre in the country. Over the next 6 months we will be increasing the number of bikes we have on offer from 18 to 30 and adding even more classes to our timetable".

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TODAY'S HEALTH

Town centre health club that's doubled in size

Advertising feature

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Dawn, a member for seven months, said: "I joined the gym feeling down about my weight but with the help and encouragement of the team I have lost over two stone."

Helen, a member for 12 months said: "I was terrified, I had never stepped foot in a gym before and thought I would be a laughing stock.

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Pharmacies now offering patients greater choice

Jo Matthews, Rhian Slipper and Tricia Williams at the pharmacy.

Advertising feature

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NEWS in brief

Parish meeting to hear from groups

THE annual parish meeting of St Martins, near Oswestry, will take place on April 17 with all residents invited to attend.

The meeting is not a council meeting, but is a meeting for everyone on the electoral role, although young people are also welcome to attend.

During the meeting there will also be a time to celebrate local activities and debate local issues.

Parish clerk Sue Crow said: "Please come along to let everyone know what your group has been doing in the last year."

The meeting will be held at 7pm at The Community Centre.

Dance class for over-50s launches

A dancing for fun class is being set up for the over-50s in Oswestry.

Love to Dance started on Wednesday at Qube, Oswald Road, and will run weekly until April 16.

Each week the teacher will guide participants through some fun and simple steps inspired by Latin, Bollywood, Brazil, and African dance.

Sessions will run from 11am to midday and no previous experience is required.

The class will cost £3.50 per session. Call Qube on (01691) 656882 for further details.

Council planning to bid for £11 million broadband cash

A CASH-strapped council plans to bid for the maximum £11 million available to improve broadband speeds in the county, despite having to match the funding.

By David Burrows

Shropshire Council,has to make £80 million worth of budget cuts over the next three years and looking to axe 1,700 jobs, has decided to press ahead with the bid, admitted finding the money to back the bid would be "by no means easy".

The Government announced last month that it was to make an additional £250 million available across the UK to roll out superfast broadband speeds to more of the country, with the aim of 95 per cent of the country having access to the fastest connections by 2017.

But the requirement to match-fund the Government's money at a local level could mean that it actually has to spend far less than that as cash-poor local authorities are unable to stump up the extra money.

The Government has made £11.38 million available to Shropshire and £1.42 million to Telford & Wrekin, but Telford & Wrekin Council opted against getting involved in the scheme at an early stage.

Steve Charmley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member responsible for broadband, said despite the challenges of matching the funding, most councillors supported the bid.

A formal expression of interest will was being lodged with the Government today (TUESDAY).

He said: "This is something which has received widespread cross-party support and we're all keen to make the most of this opportunity.

"We need to submit a formal expression of interest back to Westminster by March 25 and we intend to apply for the full amount.

"Now we've come together and made that decision we need to get working quickly to identify potential sources of match funding.

"One of the aims of the stakeholder partnership group we've set up is to find ways of raising the funding required. It's early stages and by no means going to be easy."

Mayor makes plea for town blooms

Oswestry mayor, Chris Schofield, preparing for Oswestry in Bloom.

TRADERS and businesses are being urged to help Oswestry win gold in this summer's Britain in Bloom competition.

Owners of town centre buildings are being asked to put up hanging baskets and other floral decorations as part of an Oswestry Town Council scheme.

Mayor, Councillor Chris Schofield, said that last year more than 250 baskets were bought by traders, along with 100 planters and features.

He said: "The programme has gone from strength to strength and both visitors and residents are able to enjoy the excellent displays in the town centre. We would like to do even better in 2014."

Oswestry in Bloom members, who work closely with the town council, have been meeting through the winter months to discuss ways in which to improve the town together with arranging local competitions and events.

Chairman Betty Gull said: "The year 2013 saw Oswestry presented with its ninth Gold Award in the Heart of England in Bloom competition, and we really want to make it 10."

Anyone who would like to order a hanging basket can contact the town council on (01691) 680222.

Children planting trees at farm site

YOUNGSTERS dug in to do their bit for the environment by helping to plant hundreds of trees at a community farm.

Children as young as five visited Treflach Farm, near Oswestry, to plant about 220 trees which in future years will form part of a 400-tree woodland.

They are all pupils at Woodside Primary School in Oswestry, which was invited by farm staff to send the pupils along to plant the seeds for 420 saplings.

The seeds were given to Treflach Farm by officials at the Woodland Trust as part of a biodiversity tree pack. The trust offered the 4,000 packs to community groups, youth groups, schools and educational establishments across the country.

Groups which applied for the packs were asked to describe where the trees would be planted and how the local community would be involved in the planting project and in looking after the trees.

Sara Lanyon, community education officer at Treflach Farm, said: "It's been brilliant. We had 45 children throughout the day and they were amazing.

They've been on quite a steep part of the farm creating a small woodland. They've planted 200 trees.

Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

High quality home has been extended

A sympathetically extended five-bedroom executive home in an elevated position with views towards the Welsh border is for sale with Bowen Son & Watson.

Number 6 Offas Close, on the edge of the village of Treflach, is finished to the highest of standards and includes double glazing and oil-fired central heating.

The spacious downstairs accommodation comprises an entrance hall with oak floor, cloakroom, lounge with oak floor, and a large open plan kitchen/dining/family room with integral appliances and patio doors to the garden.

There is also a a utility/shower room and a games room which the agents suggest could be turned into a ground floor bedroom/annexe.

Upstairs are five bedrooms, two en-suite, a family bathroom and a study/bedroom six.

The house is set in a generous plot with private lawned gardens with seating areas and a large timber shed with light and power. To the front is a large gravelled driveway.

Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk for further details.

Period cottage has consent to build house in grounds

A traditional detached cottage in Pant with a building plot and planning consent is on sale for £350,000. Inglewood, Briggs Lane, has a sitting room with fireplace, a breakfast kitchen with range cooker, three bedrooms, bathroom, a private drive, garage, storeroom and a workshop. The large plot includes a patio, lawn and a terraced garden with lovely views. There is full planning consent for a detached dwelling. Contact JJ Dell on 01681 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk for details.

Rural residence comes with paddocks and an outbuilding

A much improved four-bedroom detached cottage set in just under 2.75 acres of grounds and paddocks is on sale for offers around £389,950.

Approached over a long driveway, The Orchard, Babbinswood, has an entrance hall, shower room, study, living room with fireplace, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, conservatory, four bedrooms, refitted bathroom, oil-fired central heating, pvc double glazing and brick-built outbuilding. Contact selling agents Richmond Harvey on (01691) 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com for more details.

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2 Bed Refurbished Flat, Elec/He, FTE, No Pets. (EER= 18) ..... £425 pcm (£525 deposit)
2 Bed Mid-Terr House, Gas C/H, D/G,Yard. (EER=70) ..... £450 pcm (£550 deposit)
3 Bed End-Terr House, Gas CH, D/G, FTE. (EER=49) ..... £475 pcm (£475 deposit)
2 Bed Sem-Det House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58) ..... £480 pcm (£580 deposit)

GOBOWEN

1 Bed F/F Flat, Elec/Heating, FTE, No Pets. (EER=68) ..... £250 pcm (£350 deposit)
2 Bed Mid-Terr House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58) ..... £425 pcm (£525 deposit)

REDNAL

2 Bed Semi-Det Cott, FTE, No Pets, No Children. (EER=31) ..... £490 pcm (£590 deposit)

WESTON RHYN

4 Bed Det House, Rural Outlook, FTE, No Pets. (EER=40) ..... £800 pcm (£900 deposit)

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Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

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Asking Price £285,000

Halton, Chirk

3 bedroom detached bungalow: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Timber Sun Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, PVC DG where stated, Oil Fired CH, Driveway and Double Garage. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING D

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Offers in Region of £102,000

Froncysyllte, Llangollen

3 bedroom detached bungalow; Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired CH, PVC Double Glazing, Generous Gardens and Garage. No Onward Chain. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers Over £150,000

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3 bedroom semi detached family house to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Recently Re-Fitted Gas CH system, Driveway, Garage and Gardens. No Chain. AWAITING EPC.

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S.S.T.C

Old Mapsis Way, Morda

Modern 3 bedroom detached: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Newly Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bed Ensuite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. EPC RATING D

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S.S.T.C

Regents Court, Oswestry

●●FOR SALE WITH NO ONWARD CHAIN●● First floor retirement apartment conveniently placed for local town centre amenities with an on site house manager, lift, communal areas and resident parking. Further service charges will apply. Viewing fully recommended. EPC RATING C.

Offers in Region of £89,950

S.S.T.C

Holly Grange, Rhoswiel

4 bedroom detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway, Double Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D.

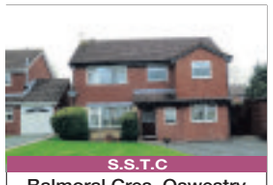
Offers in Region of £245,000

S.S.T.C

St Martins Road, Gobowen

3 bed semi detached comprising; Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room, Walk In Pantry, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Attractive Gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £145,000



S.S.T.C

Balmoral Cres, Oswestry

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S.S.T.C

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S.S.T.C

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Offers in Region of £294,500

S.S.T.C

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Tastefully refurbished character two bedroom cottage with full planning permission for a two storey extension set in approximately 1.5 acres or thereabouts. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £249,500

S.S.T.C

Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

A most deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom semi detached character cottage enjoying a pleasant edge of village location with generous elevated rear garden which enjoys most delightful roof top views over the village and hillside beyond. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING F.

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Eager bidders flock to new property auction

SHROPSHIRE and Mid Wales property company Morris Marshall and Poole made a flying start with the first of their three collective property auctions for 2014, with eight out of 11 lots being agreed – a 73 per cent success rate.

The first quarterly sale, held at Welshpool Livestock Sales on Thursday, March 20, saw a mixture of 11 lots from across the region going under the hammer.

Partner Andrew Turner said: "There was a wide range of investors, developers and buyers seeking new homes gathered at the auction eager to make purchases."

Several lots made in excess of their guide prices with 2 Garages on Dyffryn Enterprise Park, Newtown, realising over four times its guide price at £42,000.

The rurally situated three-bedroom detached bungalow, Bryn Cottage, Maesbury, which requires significant refurbishment, had a guide price of £145,000 but flew to £252,000 after spirited bidding from several interested parties.

The three-bedroom mid-terrace seaside home, Ger y Mor, Clarach Road, Borth, sold for £160,000. The new owners will now enjoy the superb beach and coastal views that this property has to offer.

A developer snapped up the opportunity to purchase Marwen, 2 Rose Cottage, Llansantffraid, a Grade II listed two-bedroom mid-terrace property requiring refurbishment, immediately after the auction at £55,000.

Four of the lots included in the line-up had sales agreed before and after the auction, one of which exchanged contracts and completed just the day before the sale.

Lot 6, Salem Chapel and Chapel House, Trefnanney, was withdrawn from the auction due to storm damage, but should make an appearance in the next collective sale in June.

To put your property among entries already accepted for the summer collective sale to be held on Thursday, June 19 at 2pm, visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk or contact your local Morris Marshall and Poole branch in Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Newtown, Welshpool, Llanidloes, Aberystwyth, Tywyn or Machynlleth.

Alternatively, email auction@morrismarshall.co.uk to find out more.

Buyers packed into the sale room for Morris Marshall & Poole's collective property auction

Family home in scenic spot overlooking river

AN attractive four-bedroom detached home in a lovely riverside position is for sale with Woodhead Estates.

Standing by the River Tanat in the village of Llanyblodwel, Min-Y-Dwr is full of character features and includes an open plan kitchen/living/dining area, dining/sitting room, utility, en-suite master bedroom, off road parking and attractive rear garden.

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- EPC Band D

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GOBOWEN

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- GFC/H, D/G
- Impressive Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Garage & Car Parking
- Attractive Patio Garden
- Elevated Position Overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

JJD781

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- Kitchen
- Lounge
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EPC Band - E -

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OFFERS OVER £190,000

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- Dining Room
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EPC RATING E
OIRO £329,950

Llanymynech Arddol Llandysilio
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
12 BAY STABLE BLOCK
APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES
EPC RATING D
OIRO £294,950

Pant 4 Delfan
4 BED DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
EPC RATING C
£279,950

Oswestry 7 Bryn Glas
4 BED DET HOUSE
DOUBLE GARAGE
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING C
OIRO £269,950

Selattyn OswestryFir Bank Gyrn Road
4 BED DET HOUSE
SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £239,950

RhosygadfaSummerfield 7 Sarn Holdings
4 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
OIRO £269,950

Weston Rhyn OswestryWeston View Wern
4 BED DETACHED HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
2 BATHROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £229,950

Oswestry 18 Ferrers Road
5 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £219,950

Llanymynech 4 Vyrnwy Crescent
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
CONSERVATORY
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £214,950

Oswestry 6 Lakeholme Gardens
3 BED TOWNHOUSE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
£189,950

Weston Rhyn Oswestry49 Long Croft
3/ 4 BED DET HOUSE
2/ 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £184,995

Oswestry 66 Upper Church Street
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry 35 Ascot Road
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS WC
DETACHED GARAGE
OIRO £165,000

Gobowen Oswestry34 Twmpath Lane
3 BED SEMI-DET
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
FRONT & REAR GARDENS
OIRO £177,950

Oswestry 63 Henley Drive
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £164,950

Oswestry 107 Middleton Road
3 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
GARAGE
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £154,950

Oswestry 12 Beresford Gardens
2 BED MID TERRACE
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £149,950

Chirk Bank 14 Telford Avenue
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
CONSERVATORY
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry 78 Balmoral Crescent
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
OFF ROAD PARKING
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £121,950

Oswestry 47 Walford Road
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry 35 Gatacre Road
3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £145,000

Gobowen 22 Perry View
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING E
OIRO £144,950

Oswestry 146 Unicorn Road
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
CONSERVATORY
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £139,950

Oswestry 14 Ambleside Road
2 BED SEMI DETACHED
NO CHAIN
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £134,950

Oswestry 7 Campbell Close
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £129,950

Oswestry 29 Coppice Drive
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
OFF ROAD PARKING
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £127,500

Oswestry 40 Ascot Road
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING B
ASKING PRICE £116,950

Oswestry 27 Castle Street
2 BED TERRACED HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CELLAR & ATTIC ROOM
EPC RATING D
ASKING PRICE £107,950

Oswestry 82 Castle Street
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £99,950

Oswestry 3 Abraham Court
1 BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
RETIREMENT PROPERTY
EPC RATING C
COMMUNAL GARDEN
OIRO £81,950

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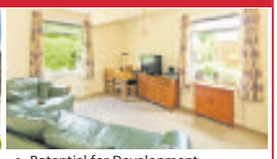
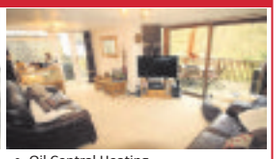
LITTLE DAWLEY, TELFORD



- TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for Development
- Detached Garage
- Gardens To All Sides

Guide price £150,000

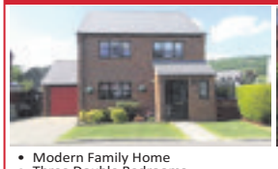
GLYN CEIRIOG



- NO CHAIN!!
- End of Terrace Cottage
- Rear Garden with Decked Patio
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Bedrooms

£153,000

MEIFOD



- Modern Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Generous Corner Plot. EPC D
- Parking & Garage
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Pretty Village Location

£174,500

ARDDLEEN

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Double Garage
- En Suite & Cloakroom
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Popular Village Location
- Viewing Recommended
- Good Sized Gardens

£195,000

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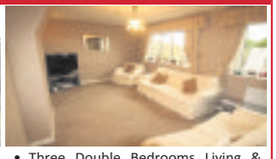

- Split Level Family Home
- Edge Of Village Location EPC D
- Views Over Shropshire Plain
- Three Double Bedrooms Living & Dining Rooms Kitchen & Utility
- Garage & Driveway

£199,950

CASTLE MILL

- Superb Country Cottage
- Updated To A High Standard
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D
- Elevated Rural Position
- Views Over Countryside
- Many Original Features

£375,000

SYCHTYN, OSWESTRY

- Colonial style
- Elevated position
- Large garden
- Six bedrooms
- Two/Three reception
- Fantastic views
- Separate studio/office
- Viewing essential

£375,000

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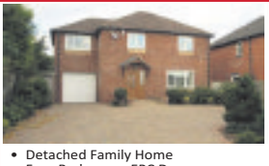
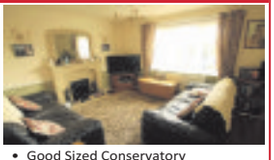

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Views Over Fields To front
- Good Sized Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Gas C/h & Upvc D/g

£239,950

PARK HALL

- Three Bedroom Detached Property in Countryside Location
- Views of Fields
- Large Single Garage with Electrically Operated Door
- Parking For A Number Of Vehicles

£239,950

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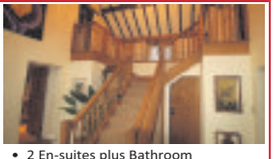

- Barn Conversion
- Double Garage/Workshop
- Four Bedrooms
- 2 En-suites plus Bathroom
- Full of Character
- Rural Setting

£399,950

DOLYWERN

- Spacious Detached House
- Sought after Location
- Backing onto Fields. EPC D
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Garage & parking
- Gardens to Front and Rear

£269,500

PANT

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D
- End Cul de Sac Position
- Utility/Cloaks/En-Suite.

£269,950

WESTON RHYN

- Detached Former Farmhouse
- Four Excellent Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating. EPC F

£275,000

TREFLACH, OSWESTRY

- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- Luxury Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms. EPC C
- Landscaped Gardens
- Double Garage
- Village Location

£399,950

OSWESTRY

- 4 Bedroomed Detached
- Sought After Location
- Rear Garden Overlooking Fields
- Conservatory to Rear
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating

£289,500

TREFONEN

- Large Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- With 1 Bed Annexe
- Conservatory & Study
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Oil Central Heating. EPC C

Offers in the region of £345,000

OSWESTRY

- Modern Detached House
- Edge of Town Location
- Private Rear Garden
- Two En-suite
- Parking & Garage
- Three Reception Rooms

£335,000

TREFONEN

- Executive Detached House
- Four Bedrooms (2 Ensuite)
- Three Reception Rooms. EPC C
- Sought After Location

£309,950

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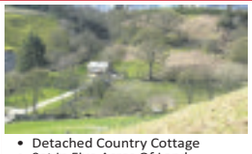

- Detached Country Cottage
- Set In Five Acres Of Land
- Stunning Rural Location
- Ample Parking. EPC F

£299,950

TREFLACH

- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Sought After Location

Offers in the region of £229,950

OSWESTRY

- Large Family Home
- Six Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Ensuites

£325,000

LLANRHAEADR YM

- Detached Country House
- Five Bedrooms. EPC D
- 1.3 Acres Of Land
- Outbuildings & Stables

£285,000

LLANYMYNECH

- FABULOUS POSITION
- Recently Updated
- Detached Bungalow
- Elevated Rural Views

£249,950

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LLANGEDWYN

- Available 15th May
- Detached barn conversion
- Seperate detached annexe
- Many original features
- Three bedrooms. EPC C.
- No Smokers/ Pets considered

£900 Per month

OSWESTRY

- End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Brick Outhouses
- EPC Rating G
- Close To Town Centre
- In Need of Modernisation

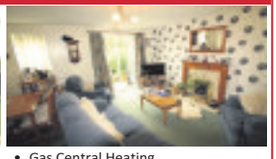
£80,000

GLYN CEIRIOG

- End Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Good Sized Garden
- Log Burner. EPC F.
- Parking Area
- Popular Village
- Modern Kitchen
- Viewing Recommended

Offers in the region of £87,500

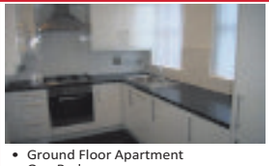
LLANYMYNECH



- Modern Mid Mews House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Part Upvc Glazing. EPC D
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£115,000

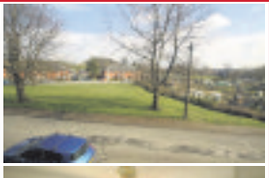
OSWESTRY



- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- High Specification
- Includes Carpets & Blinds
- Off Road Parking

£99,950

OSWESTRY



- Attractive End of Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Bathroom
- Many Original Features
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Close to Oswestry Town Centre
- With No Upward Chain

£145,000

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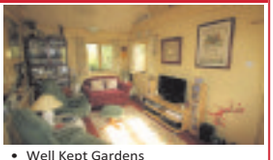


- Detached Holiday Cottage
- Sought After Location
- One Bedroom
- Well Kept Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Oil Central Heating

£99,950

OSWESTRY

- Two Bedroom Mews House
- Well Presented
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town Centre
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Utility

Offers in the region of £124,950

OSWESTRY

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Parking for 2 - 3 cars
- Upvc double glazing. EPC D
- Ideal FTB or investment
- Gas central heating
- Good sized rear garden

Offers in the region of £122,500

OSWESTRY

- Charming Terraced Property
- Well Maintained
- NO CHAIN!! EPC D
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

£119,950

GOBOWEN

- Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms. EPC C
- Gas C.H. / D.Glazing

£147,500

LLANFYLLIN

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well maintained
- Local Ammenities Close

£136,000

ST MARTINS

- Semi-detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Parking Space for Three Cars
- Village Location. EPC E.
- Part Upvc Glazing

Offers in the region of £124,950

ST MARTINS

- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Extensive Landscaped Gardens
- Parking Space. EPC E.
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended

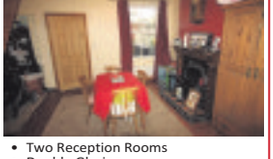
Reduced to £139,950

WESTON RHYN

- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Popular Location
- Two Reception Rooms

Offers in the region of £139,995

OSWESTRY



- Three Bedroom Property
- Mid-Terraced
- Modern Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£145,000

LLANGYNOG

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Four Bedrooms
- Ideal Bed and Breakfast
- Off Road Parking. EPC E

£145,000

OSWESTRY

- WITH NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms. EPC E
- Recently Redecorated

£149,950

CHIRK

- Detached Family House
- Corner Plot Position
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Edwardian Conservatory

£144,500

OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£146,950

OSWESTRY

- Mid Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£94,950

OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking
- Edge of Town Location

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Opening out onto open countryside, this detached four bed property is situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Offering Two Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Master Suite, Good Size Rear Garden backing out on to the River Perry and open countryside. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Current EPC Rating C.

Bryn Castell Gardens, Gobowen
Price: £249,995
Contact Oswestry

A superbly presented detached family home dating back to the early 19th century and set in a glorious rural location surrounded by magnificent countryside, and offering versatile accommodation in combination with excellent equestrian facilities. This property offers character and charm throughout. Current EPC Rating E.

Ochoryffordd, Nr Llanrhaeadr
Price: £399,950
Contact Oswestry

This most charming and quaint village property can only be described as beautiful. An ideal investment or first time purchase, this property is available for sale with NO CHAIN and benefits from lovely character features throughout. Situated in an elevated position overlooking the village and to the hills in the distance. Current EPC Rating G

Tan Y Twist, Llanrhaeadr
Price: £105,000
Contact Oswestry

An ideal first time or investment purchase. Covered Entrance Porch, Lounge with gas fire, Kitchen with fitted units and oven, First Floor Landing with store cupboard, Double Bedroom with fitted wardrobe, Bathroom fitted with a three piece white suite, Car Parking, Garden, Garden Shed. The property benefits from double glazing and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location. Current EPC E

Llys Close, Oswestry
Price: £88,500
Contact Oswestry

A one bedroom apartment located on the ground floor of a most sought after retirement development of similar properties, a 10 minute walk from Oswestry Town Centre and a 2 minute walk from open countryside.

- With a 24 hour careline
- House Manager on site
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Current EPC Rating B

Abrahan Court, Oswestry
Price: £75,000
Contact Oswestry

This family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated by the current owners. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Dining Kitchen, Lounge
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Enclosed Garden
- Workshop, Parking Spaces
- Current EPC Rating D

Lime Grove, Oswestry
Price: £114,995
Contact Oswestry

An immaculate four bedroom detached property situated in a village location within a short walk from a Nature Reserve and excellent village amenities. Built in 2000 this property offers spacious accommodation with individual design characteristics.

- WC, Kitchen Dining Room
- Utility Room, Lounge
- Master Bedroom Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom with roll top bath,
- Parking, Garage, Gardens
- Current EPC Rating C

Colliery Road, St Martins
Price: £249,950
Contact Oswestry

A rare opportunity to purchase an imposing South Facing 1920's 'Arts and Craft' style property with superb views to the Hills. Each room has character and individuality but offers the opportunity for a purchaser to impose their own style and taste.

- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Bedroom, Dressing Room
- Bedroom Two with Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Current EPC Rating F

Cliffe Point, Pant
Price: £299,950
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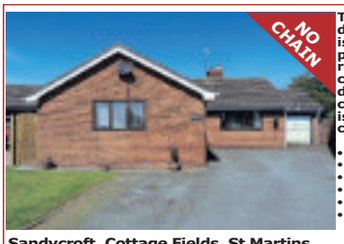

This three bedroom detached bungalow is situated in a most popular and quiet residential area with countryside walks on the doorstep. Situated on a corner plot this bungalow is warmed by oil fired central heating.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Oil CH & DG
- Cul De Sac Position
- Current EPC Rating D

Sandycroft, Cottage Fields, St Martins
Price: £220,000
Contact Oswestry

A unique four bedroom detached equestrian family home with three bedroom detached bungalow/annexe set in excess of 9 acres and featuring a range of useful outbuildings, stabling, workshops, garaging and barn.

- Country Lane Position
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Set In Excess Of 9 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D

The Slades, West Felton
Price: Offers over £799,950
Contact Oswestry

This detached cottage dates back to the early 1800's and benefits from superb countryside views to the Candy Woods. The cottage is in need of complete updating and modernisation however does retain character and charm in all rooms.

- Living Room, Sitting Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Walk-in Wardrobes
- Generous Size Gardens
- Garage, Five Garden Stores
- Current EPC Rating G

Three Trees, Trefonen
Price: Offers over £175,000
Contact Oswestry

Situated in a most sought after rural location this spacious detached property must be viewed to be appreciated. The property has been extended and now provides two living quarters.

- 5 Bedroom
- Superb Kitchen Family Room
- Dating Back to Late 1800s
- Substantial Property
- Views To All Elevations
- Current EPC Rating E

Tedsmore Road, West Felton
Price: £499,950
Contact Oswestry

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached family home set within 3 acres of cottages gardens, pasture land and woodland. In need of some modernisation this family home offers two reception rooms and three bedrooms with superb views of the Vale of Llangollen. this property benefits from outbuildings and cottage gardens. Current EPC Rating E.

Fron Derw, Froncysyllte
Price: £275,000
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Situated in a quiet cul de sac location this four bedroom family home needs to be viewed to be appreciated. The property sits centrally within a good size plot with mature gardens, double garage and ample parking.

- Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility
- Lounge, Dining Room, Study
- Master Bedroom Suite
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Price: £299,950
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- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Good Size Gardens
- Village Location

Breidden Court, Four Crosses
Price: £320,000
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Laburnam Cottage, Gwern-y-brenin
Price: £399,950
Contact Oswestry

This detached country style cottage dates back to the 1800's and benefits from panoramic views across the Shropshire and Cheshire Plains

- Located on Country Lane
- Generous Sized Gardens
- Two Double Bedrooms
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- Viewing Advised
- Current EPC Rating D

Robins Corner, Tedsmore
Price: £325,000
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Selection of beautiful new homes in heart of Powys

CAE Vyrnwy is located in the picturesque village of Llansantffraid in Powys, just a 15-minute drive from Oswestry.

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Upstairs are two good-sized double bedrooms and an ample sized family bathroom.

Three-Bed Semi-Detached Home

The ground floor has a kitchen with dining area, a hallway and living room with French doors to the patio and garden. Upstairs are two spacious double bedrooms, a single bedroom to the rear and a good-sized family bathroom.

Both the two and three-bed semi-detached homes have a cloakroom/wc and a garden shed for extra storage space. Externally they are traditionally detailed including beautiful natural stone.

Four-Bed Detached Home

There is just one four-bed home left, an extremely spacious house with a generous kitchen and dining area which could also accommodate a less informal lounge area. The living room is of equal size and features a large fireplace, with French doors to a large garden with patio.

Upstairs there are four great sized bedrooms, three of which are doubles, and the master bedroom incorporates en-suite facilities. The fourth bedroom is a good sized single room. There is also a family bathroom ,a detached garage and space to fit two to three cars on the drive.

With a guide price of £129,000, newly built two-bedroom semi-detached homes at Cae Vyrnwy, Llansantffraid, are selling fast

Two-Bed Bungalow

The bungalow features a large kitchen/diner, family sized bathroom with bath shower and two great sized double bedrooms. The spacious living room has a large fireplace and French doors to a patio, and the bedroom at the rear also has French doors to the garden.

Buying Off Plan

The bungalows and four-bed detached home are available off plan, allowing buyers to choose kitchens, bathrooms and tiles. There are just two bungalows and one four-bed detached home left.

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Viewing is highly recommended by agents Town & Country, who can be contacted on 01691679631.

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Versatile smallholding set in nearly eight acres

Bedwgwynion, Llangadfan, is a versatile smallholding with a roomy four/five-bedroom detached bungalow. It has an entrance hall, recently refitted kitchen with open plan dining area, utility, side porch, study/fifth bedroom, lounge with multi-fuel stove and patio doors to front and side, four bedrooms, one with en-suite wet room, three further bedrooms, high quality four-piece bathroom and large attic. There are lawned gardens, a double garage, orchard, small paddock and 7.78 acres of fenced pasture land partly adjoining the banks of the River Banwy. The agents are seeking offers around £355,000. Contact Halls on 01938 555552 to view.

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Offas Close
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- Utility/Shower Rm, Games Rm (could be used as a ground floor bed/annex)
- Master Bedroom (with En-suite), Bedroom 2 (with En-suite)
- 3 other Bedrooms served by Family Bathroom, Study/Bedrm 6
- Private gardens to rear, graveled paved seating areas
- Large graveled driveway. uPVC D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating C

NEW

Meadowbrook Crt
Gobowen **£104,995**

- A well appointed 2 Bedroom Leasehold Bungalow
- Set on the popular Meadowbrook Court Retirement Complex
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom also including Wet Room Shower
- Large integral garage. Private courtyard style garden torear
- Surrounded by spacious communal gardens. EPC Rating D

NEW

Rhosyllan House
St Martins **£180,000**

- Substantial 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with garage& off-road parking
- The property has been extensively modernised by the current owners
- Lounge, Inner Hallway/Study, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with a large garage & allocated parking area
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E

NEW

Oswald Place
Oswestry **£139,995**

- A well maintained 3 Bedroom Town House with a host of original features
- Kitchen, Lounge, Cloakroom, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Master Bedroom and adjoining Dressing Room
- (with potential for conversion into en-suite or separate bedrm)
- Externally the property has a private courtyard style garden
- Gas C/H with underfloor heating to ground floor & D/G. EPC Rating F

Hampton Road
Oswestry **£243,995**

- A well presented 3 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
- The property has been extended by the current owner
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- Master Bed with adjoining WC, 2 further Beds & Family Bathroom
- Good size rear garden, single garage and 2 driveways
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D

Elgar Close
Oswestry **£119,995**

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge
- Inner Hallway. 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Tarmac driveway and carport providing ample off-road parking
- Rear terraced seating areas enjoying view across the garden
- Excellent rear garden with superb views across the town
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating E

Poplar Close
St Martins **£154,995**

- Deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory
- Master Bedroom (en-suite), 2 further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- To the rear the property has a private garden
- Large driveway providing off-road parking and single garage
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing. EPC Rating D

Roundwood Close
Oswestry **£139,995**

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in a popular area
- Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom.
- Ample off-road parking, detached garage and low maintenance gardens
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D

NEW PRICE

The Cross
Weston Rhyn **£182,500**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Formerly the Doctor's Surgery dating back to the late 1800's
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining/Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Cloakroom, Cellar, 2 Double Bedrooms, Wet Room
- Second Floor Master Suite with En-Suite Shower Room
- Excellent garden to rear with flowering beds & mature shrubs
- Double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPC Rating E

Bay Tree Close
St Martins **£116,995**

- Comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Sun Rm, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens to fore and rear
- Parking for several vehicles
- Majority double glazing, Gas C/H
- Cavity wall insulation, EPC Rating C

Rectory Terrace
Welsh Frankton **£150,000**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 4 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Standing in terraced gardens and grounds extending to 0.22 acre
- Stunning views over open countryside towards Rodney's Pillar
- Sun Room, Cloaks, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 4 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Externally a raised patio area takes full advantage of the views
- Formal gardens and vegetable plots. Oil C/H. D/G. EPC Rating E

St Martins Rd
Gobowen **£40,000**

- A commercial property extending to approx 350 sq. ft. (32 sq. m.)
- The property could be used for a host of future uses
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- The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops
- The land is sold subject to a 1986 Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancy. For further details please contact the Selling Agents Oswestry office on (01691) 652367.

Oak Drive
Oswestry **£249,995**

- Superb 4 Bed Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Beds, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Ample Off-Road Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden
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Anthony Cyril
(Tony)

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the cards and letters I have received following Tony's passing, that contained such wonderful tributes to my special man.

The Family were overwhelmed by the attendance at the Funeral Service, which is testament to how many lives were touched by his incredible, warm personality.

Your very generous donations have raised an amazing £2,000, to be split equally between The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and the Severn Hospice. I know this money will be much appreciated and will be put to good use to help others.

I would personally like to acknowledge the incredible work of Dr Prashant and the Oncology Team in The Lingen Davies Unit and also the Team at the Severn Hospice, especially Menna Wigley. The professional care and support you all give is amazing and you make such a difference to the lives of people battling cancer. A special thank you also to Dr Callahan at Radbrook Green Surgery, your support has been invaluable.

Thank you to all the Team at Pughs for their help and support during a difficult time and to the Reverend Christopher Deakin for doing such a splendid job of conducting the Service.

Finally words can never describe the gratitude I feel for all the love and support I have received and continue to receive from Family and Friends, it is extremely humbling and I know Tony will be at peace, knowing I have your love and support.

God bless you all, Jane.

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LLOYD
John Gittins

On March 21, 2014, passed away peacefully at Heatherdene Residential Home, aged 83 years.

Formerly of Lloyd Street, Oswestry and Llanfechain.

He will be sadly missed by Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Seion Chapel, Park Avenue, Oswestry on Friday, April 4, at 1pm, followed by Interment in Llanfechain Churchyard.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Seion Chapel, Oswestry.

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PRITCHARD
Dennis Albert Francis
(Den)

On March 22, 2014, aged 86 years.

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Funeral Service at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Monday, April 7, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

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THOMPSON
Mary
nee Lee

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Beloved Wife of Peter, much loved Mum of Richard and Caroline and a loving Grandma.

Funeral Service at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry on Tuesday, April 8, at 10.30am, followed by a private Cremation.

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NEWS in brief

Chef signing up for cook-school

A cookery school in Oswestry has signed up one of the area's best known chefs to lead one of its cookery demonstrations.

Upstairs Downstairs, in Leg Street, Oswestry, will host Grant Williams, head chef of The West Arms, Llanarmon, who will be demonstrating signature dishes from his award winning menu.

Recently Grant was chosen to cook for Prince Charles at Lampeter in Carmarthen, he has appeared on ITV, BBC and S4C television programs and featured in various cookery books accompanying the series. Call (01681) 658591.

Rail steam gala to host guest engines

TRAINS will be steaming into a heritage railway near Oswestry next week for a spring steam gala.

The gala at Llangollen Railway is dedicated to the loco shed based in Wrexham, which used to supply the motive power for the Llangollen to Corwen line.

From Friday (April 4) to Sunday the railway's own fleet of engines will be steaming alongside two guest engines.

Return tickets for the steam gala cost £15 for adults, £13 seniors, £8 children and £38 for a family. Call (01978) 860979.

Group launching plans to stop housing fraud

by Iain St John

A NEW drive to tackle housing fraud has been launched by the organisation which runs council homes in Shropshire.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing will be targeting people who are suspected of subletting their home, providing false information at the point of application, or not using their social housing address as their main place of residence.

The group has teamed up with social housing expert Coactiva, part of the Callcredit Information Group, to help tackle fraud and will be using the company's ThreeSixty online system which provides access to previously unseen intelligence on tenants.

The organisation will also use ThreeSixty Online to minimise rent arrears by tracing "gone-away" former tenant debtors and then determine the most effective course of debt recovery action required.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing was formed in 2013 and manages 4,200 social homes owned by Shropshire Council, spread across the Bridgnorth and Oswestry areas of the county.

Joanne Cosgrove, senior neighbourhoods officer at Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing's Oswestry site, said: "We have only been using ThreeSixty Online for a short time, however, two would-be tenancy fraudsters have already been stopped in their tracks with the help of Coactiva.

"In one of these cases the prospective tenant owned another property and had not declared this during the application process.

"The system provides us with access to previously unseen intelligence but is easy to use and highly cost effective."

Invite to join history group

OSWESTRY residents with an interest in local history are invited to join the Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group for its programme of events and visits this summer.

The group will welcome Dr Kate Nicoll to its next meeting on April 11 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Memorial Square. Dr Nicoll is senior gardener at Attingham Park, Atcham, and will speak on The Walled Gardens of Attingham Park.

On May 9 there will be an evening visit to the site of Rhyn Park Roman Fort, led by Heather Hidden and Margaret Hill. The group will meet in Moreton Garden Centre car park at 7pm.

June 13 will see an evening excursion around 'A Very Ordinary Village' at Bicton with David Pannett. The group will meet in the car park near Bicton Village Hall at 7pm and on July 12 there will be a full-day visit to Wigmore, Herefordshire, with Roger Cooper as guide.

Betty brings in the cash

Betty Bromley with supporters

OSWESTRY fundraiser Betty Bromley is celebrating after raising £938 for the British Heart Foundation.

Mrs Bromley organised another successful charity music concert for the fund at The Marches School with the 'To Dance or Just Listen' event featuring John Bowdler, The Tower Ballroom, Blackpool organist who entertained a capacity audience with his varied repertoire.

Mrs Bromley and her team have now raised over £2,300 from three concerts at the school since 2012 to support the vital work of the British Heart Foundation.

Warren Appleby, BHF fundraising manager for Shropshire said: "It was a great evening as couples took to the dance floor. We are very appreciative to everyone who attended and especially to Betty and her whole team for all the hard work and arrangements.

•Coronary disease is the UK's single biggest killer.

Motorists urged to be honest on claims

DRIVERS who give false information to their insurers to get cheaper premiums will find their policies are not valid, a Shropshire expert has warned.

Dave Williams, of Henshalls Insurance Brokers in Newport and Shrewsbury, said research had shown more than two million drivers were actually on the roads illegally because of mistakes made when they arranged their cover.

Mr Williams said: "A study carried out by Consumer Intelligence showed that one in 12 admitted to giving the wrong details to their insurers, and when they were asked why, nearly two thirds said they did it to get a lower premium.

"This really is a false economy though because if they actually needed to make a claim, the incorrect information would be all the insurer would need to refuse to pay out."

Mr Williams said one in 20 of the motorists surveyed said they gave the wrong information in a bid to keep their costs down.

He added: "The main topics where drivers were economical with the truth included changing their home address, and giving a lower annual mileage estimate."

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College showcases year of progress at open day

Four year old Gracie Morris tries a tractor for size.

Advertising feature

THERE have been a lot of new developments happening at the Walford campus of Walford & North Shropshire College over the last 12 months and it was an opportune time to show these developments off at the recent lambing open day.

The college has spent £3.2 million on upgrading the farm, agricultural classrooms and Enterprise Hub.

The farm has had a new dairy unit built which will demonstrate modern farming practices for now and well into the future and working with local companies such as Fullwoods and Wynnstay has given this development a real commercial feel to it.

The new agricultural classrooms have been located within the renovation of old farm buildings of which many are listed as historic.

The Enterprise Hub is to support local rural businesses in developing their strategies for long term sustainable improvement. Office space with modern technologies can be hired on a short or long term basis to administer business procedures and processes.

The campus can now boost fantastic resources for our agricultural students and animal management/science students with the award-winning Harris Centre and its zoo, equine students with its indoor and outdoor facilities; sports students with fitness centres and outside playing fields; and our engineering students with modern state-of-the-art resources.

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Tea dancers win handout from Lottery

A group which organises tea dances for elderly people has received a grant of more than £1,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Oswestry and District Association for the Elderly coordinates the senior citizens' clubs within the Oswestry area and organises a monthly tea dance.

As part of the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme, the association has received £1,155 towards the cost of putting on the tea dances.

Chairwoman of the Association, Alwena Martin, said: "We're delighted we've had some money to support our dancing.

"We get anything from 50 to 80 people each month. The last time we had 70 people. We coordinate with the residential homes across the area and they bring people along."

The dances started three years ago and include live music, refreshments and a raffle.

Mrs Martin said: "We started the dances because we felt a need to do something for the elderly in the area. Age UK had some money available to set something up and I suggested some sort of dancing, because Strictly Come Dancing had caught people's imaginations.

"We have quite a few dancers and able-bodied people, and the carers come and whizz people round in their wheelchairs.

"For the residents from the homes it's a lovely experience. You see how they react to the music and people just going in and saying hello or remembering someone from years ago. They get a chance to get out in the world and meet people from all walks of life."

The dances are held on the first Friday of every month from 2pm to 4pm at The Pedigree, Shrewsbury Road, Oswestry.

Bryan digging into his roots and Mabel recognises shop

Bryan Davies is seeking information about Elizabeth Dorricott

The picture which brought back memories for Mabel

BRYAN Davies of Gobowen is doing some digging into his roots, and is hoping that this photo of an Oswestry lady will help him on one of his little quests.

by Toby Neal

The photo shows his grandfather's sister, a lady called Elizabeth Dorricott, formerly Williams, who was born on July 13, 1882.

But it is a photo or information about Elizabeth's mother that he is really after.

"Her mother's name was Williams, formerly Kennedy. She came from Ireland and lived in Orchard Street, Oswestry, in 1882. I'm after a picture of her as I haven't got one. Mary Kennedy was from Birr, in Ireland."

It's one of those long shots, but if you can help Bryan he says you can contact him on 01691 657231.

In the meantime he will soon be off to Ireland. "We are going to see if we can follow in their footsteps," he said.

Meanwhile we've had some feedback about an old photo we published the other week showing The Cross at Oswestry. It brought back some happy memories for Mrs Mabel Griffiths of one store in particular - Wilson's Fashion Centre.

"I remember at Easter time they had a new load of dresses in when they used to do wedding dresses," said Mrs Griffiths, who at the time was Miss Mabel Mortimer.

"I said: 'I do like that one, mum.' She said: 'Let's go in and have a look at it.' It fitted me perfectly. I said: 'Can we come to some arrangement? I can't afford to pay straight out. Can I put it on HP? (hire purchase)' They said yes, and I was paying about £5 a week off it until my wedding, which was on July 23, 1955."

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Troublesome sneezes that are not to be sniffed at

I SUFFER from a slightly bizarre affliction; mouth breathing.

Asthma and a seemingly continuous runny nose (the quintessential "snotty little boy", in appearance only I assure you), played havoc with my airways.

I do not know what detrimental effects of this wheezing and sniffling may make themselves apparent to me at a later date, but on a positive, the compunction to eat mild manneredly with one's mouth closed, meant that I have to, in effect, hold my breath every time I eat anything.

My empathy with anyone who suffers similar allergies or hypersensitivities is especially acute and that extends to other species. Anyone who has a dog (hypoallergenic or otherwise) may well be aware of the occasional nasal wheezing fits that he or she experiences.

Sawing

Aside from the empathetic alarm I myself feel for my dog at such times, the one species that is sure to make me and others like me gag with paroxysms of mucus is the cat.

It was not long after 8pm, but the entire party had retired to their respective tents and although it was mid-summer, outside it was well and truly dark. I was asleep, but I woke to a noise that sounded like someone was sawing wood on the hill above.

I lay there in suspended animation thinking what I should do. It was in truth not a mere hill behind me, but the mighty Waterburg Plateau in North Central Namibia and those sounds were not the resonance of metal through wood, but a leopard, calling his mate.

ON THE WILDSIDE
with Ben Waddams

That may ring a bell with my fellow wildlife-enthusiasts out there, for it is well-known that a leopard's call is oddly concurrent with the noise one would expect to emanate from a carpenter's workshop.

However, if domestic animals rather than wild cats are more your thing, simply imagine your dog's nasal snortings in a deeper more guttural tone and you have it. It is, for romantics of African sights and sounds, magical; but perhaps for many others, terrifying.

I did of course not see that leopard, but I had always had a desire to paint one and as is so often the way with my wildlife art, the setting and main compositional elements of my larger pieces, tend to focus around a moment I've been privileged enough to spend with the natural world.

Whilst exploring the woods near my home as a child, I would inevitably be in the grip of some convulsion of hay-fever when I would stumble across a quiet, secluded patch and settle down to note and observe.

Later on, during that African trip, now in Botswana, I found just such a spot near camp. With the leopard's calls fresh in my mind, I took in a heady breath of Botswanan pollen, sneezed and sat down in the perfect setting for my painting.

Ben's artwork can be seen online at **waddams.webs.com**

Ben's painting of a leopard in the wonderful setting of Okavango Range, Botswana

Chirk apprentice project praised in the Commons

An apprenticeship programme running at a factory on the Shropshire border has been praised during a debate in the House of Commons.

Clwyd South MP Susan Elan Jones commended the programme at the Chirk-based Mondelez International plant.

She said "nothing matters more then providing jobs opportunities for young people" and the factory, formerly Cadbury's, did just that.

The praise was given as MPs discussed the Budget and the Department for Work and Pensions in the House of Commons on Tuesday. (MAR 25)

The MP recently visited the plant in Chirk, one of the region's largest employers.

She told the House of Commons employment programmes from young people were vital and the Jobs Growth Wales programme had enjoyed success.

Miss Jones said: "The programme pays employers to take on trainees at the minimum wage for six months.

"Eighty per cent of these traineeships are in the private sector.

"And what is so positive and encouraging is that Jobs Growth Wales has seen 78 per cent of its participants secure work – 78 per cent compared to the 15 per cent of young people progressing into sustained employment on the UK-Government's failing Work Programme.

"And job opportunities for young people really do matter. I saw this very clearly recently in Chirk in my own constituency at what we will always think of as Cadbury's, but now comes under the name of Mondelez International.

"One thing that really struck me as I spoke to the apprentices in Chirk is that here was a pretty diverse group of young people.

"Some had got on well in a traditional school setting and some hadn't.

"But they all sounded enthused by their new programme of work and the prospects their new skills offered.

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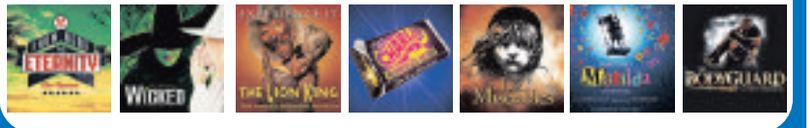

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THE ARTS

Shop's staff visit capital to see author and artist

by Pam Kingsley

THE creative minds behind a colourful Christmas window display in Oswestry have spent the day with an author and artist in London after winning a competition with their design.

Tim Morris, owner of Booka Bookshop in Church Street, and Louisa Jones, the member of staff who helped create the window display, met Cypriot artist Rob Ryan at his studio.

Hutchinson Books and Random House UK had organised the Rob Ryan Christmas window display competition, which attracted entries from independent book shops across the UK.

Rob has written and illustrated three books – This Is For You, A Sky Full Of Kindness and The Invisible Kingdom. It was The Invisible Kingdom which provided the inspiration for Booka's Christmas window display.

"We generally see the windows as an extension of the shop. We're always trying to theme our window displays," Tim said.

"Sometimes they're there to promote the events coming up, and sometimes they're there to promote a particular book that we love and want to make a big splash about. They're designed to be eye-catching and draw people in to the shop to find out more about the event or the book.

"Particularly at Christmas we're always looking for a theme for the display.

"We don't tend to do the traditional tinsel, but we do things that stand out a bit."

Tim Morris and Louisa Jones meet Cypriot artist Rob Ryan

During their visit to London, Tim and Louisa were shown around Rob's studio and had the chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at how he works.

Tim said: "We had a fantastic day. We met Rob at his studio in Bethnal Green and spent the best part of a day with him. We chatted about his work and what he was working on at the moment. He gave us a tour of his studios and we looked around his workshop as well and had lunch with him and his team. It was really fantastic for us to go and see such a renowned artist and see where he creates all his fantastic artwork."

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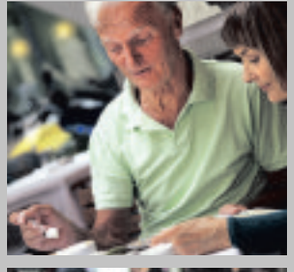

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GIG GUIDE

Local favourites come back with a real bang

LOCAL favourites the Gregory S. Davies Band are back with a bang this week as they'll be playing at Wednesday Cafe Bar, Oswestry on Friday night.

The Shropshire based five piece are fronted by singer-songwriter Gregory S. Davies with the rest of the band being made up of Sam Dougherty on drums, John Griffiths on bass, Dan Roberts on guitar, and Melissa Timmis on violin.

Sound wise the band's music encompasses everything from gypsy jazz and boogie woogie, to British folk and good old fashioned blues.

Since they first got together at the start of 2013, the band have really made a name for themselves as one of the best acts to come out of the local music scene.

Last year alone the group headlined Sheffield's Tramline Festival and released their excellent debut album 'Santiago', with the track Power-Cut being featured on BBC Radio 2's Dermot O'Leary Show.

The band are currently working on their eagerly anticipated second album and will be giving fans a sneak peak of some of the new tracks at Friday's gig.

Known for their raucous toe tapping live shows this is one you won't want to miss. It starts at 9pm and is free entry.

If you're an avid blues fan then make sure you head over to The Royal Oak, Welshpool on Friday night as the extremely talented Blues Boy Dan will be performing.

Armed with just an acoustic guitar and one hell of a singing voice, he conjures up the sound of legendary blues men like Howlin' Wolf and Buddy Guy. You can expect plenty of original material as well as some stunning takes on classic blues tracks.

Whether you're a big fan of the blues or just looking for something to do in Welshpool on Friday night then this is worth checking out. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

The Gregory S. Davies Band will perform in Oswestry

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The New Saints

The venue at Park Hall

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Under 15's/Under 16's - 18.45 pm-20.00 pm
Each session will cost £4.

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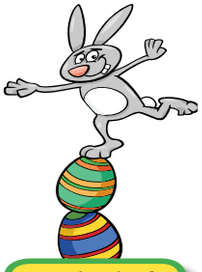

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WELSHPOOL LIVESTOCK SALES

Monday, March 31

OTMS (21)

An entry of 21 over thirty month cattle realised an average of 140.73ppkg, and 153.97ppkg for the younger cows. A British Blue weighing 760kg from M & A Powell, Drefor farm, made £1497.20. Therefore Messrs Powell receives the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25 for highest priced OTM on the day. A British Blue OTM cow from A J Owen, Cwmbyr New house, weighing 678kg made £1430.58. A Limousin younger cow weighing 858kg presented by C V & E M Lewis, Buttington New Hall, made £1527.24. A Charolais OTM bull weighing 858kg from W G & S E Vaughan, Penybank, made £1209.78.

FAT CATTLE (14)

An entry of 14 fat cattle averaged 203.98ppkg. A Limousin Heifer weighing 529kg presented by G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach made 256pp/kg, Mr Bound is therefore in receipt of the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25. Another Limousin heifer from the same vendor weighing 562kg made 241 ppkg. Three Limousin steers presented by Evans Bros, Tynewydd weighing 567kg, 565kg, 575kg made 237pp/kg, 232pp/kg and 218pp/kg respectively.

PRIME HOGGETS (5028)

An entry of 5028 prime hogget's averaged 218.35 pp/kg.

Super Lights (86) to 214pp/kg from AG & G Rowlands, Tynypant. Others to 200pp/kg from W Beamond, Cwmcarnedd Uchaf. Average of 190.71pp/kg.

Lights (363) to 231pp/kg from W G Jones, Cwmduggan. Others to 226pp/kg from W I Ellis, Talwrn. Average of 210.11pp/kg.

Standards (618) to 228pp/kg from DB & EFJ Gethin, Dolyrheol . Others to 227pp/kg from DB & EFJ Gethin, Dolyrheol and Probert & Probert, Lower Hill. Average of 213.78 pp/kg.

Mediums (2198) to 257pp/kg from BE & BE Langford, LLettymeibion. Others to 251pp/kg from D Langford, Gaer. Average of 220.43pp/kg.

Heavies (1219) to 230pp/kg from A E Casewell, Bodynfoel and R M Evans, New House. Others to 228pp/kg from Lythwood Sheep LTD. Average of 213.07pp/kg

Over Weights (414) to 198pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog and FG & G Mountford, Middle Heldre.Others to 195pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog. Average of 180.50pp/kg.

PRIME LAMBS(9)

An entry of 9 prime lambs averaged 266.27 pp/kg

Mediums (2) to 266.27 pp/kg from P & CE Davies, The Crest. Average of 266.27 pp/kg.

Over Weights (7) to 193 pp/kg from D W Roberts, Glancamlas. Others to 174 pp/kg from D W Roberts, Glancamlas. Average of 187.75 pp/kg.

CULL EWE (1450)

An entry of 1450 culls resulted in increased averages for the ewes of £73.13 and £88.42 for the rams. The ewes topped at £130 for a pen of two from WJC Pryce, Prenafal. Another pen of two from D & S Gethin, Gaer, made £128. The cull rams topped at £136 from A E Casewell, Bodynfoel. A cull ram from J S Abel, Hendre-aur made £127.

Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

STORE LAMBS

Store Lambs: This week we have seen a reduced entry of 59 store lambs, achieving an overall average of £45 per head with a top price of £55 for Beulah wether lambs coming from D O Jones and Son, Tyddyn who also presented a pen of texel cross mixed and clean lambs which achieved a top price of £54.50.

Couples: An increased entry of 186 ewes and lambs to last week. Top price of the day was achieved by J F Morgan and Son, Plas of £194 for Texel full mouth ewes with twin lambs at foot.

Cade lambs: Cade lambs were seen selling to an average of £5.65 seeing a more difficult trade this week as a result of increased numbers, 175 to last week. Top price of the day was achieved by Mr S Smith, Pentre Farm of £18.

Same again next week with store lambs sold from 10.30am followed with ewes and lambs completing with the sale of cade lambs.

COWS & CALVES

An entry of one cow & calf from D G Owen, Bryn Farm, made £1300 for a Limousin cow and her heifer calf.

Forthcoming Sales.

Tuesday 8th April- Store Cattle to include Organics and Weanlings

Monday 14th April- Easter Spring Lamb Show & Sale

Tuesday 29th April- April store cattle fair

Friday 2nd May-Sale of Pedigree Charolais cattle

Tuesday 13th May- Store Cattle to include Organics and Weanlings

Thursday 15th May- Sale of Pedigree Limousin, Simmental and Salers Cattle

Saturday 17th May- Welshpool Machinery Sale

Tuesday 27th May- May store cattle fair

WELSHPOOL LIVESTOCK SALES

Welshpool Livestock Sales report on a successful auction at Buttington Cross Welshpool on Tuesday 25th March 2014

STORE CATTLE

A fantastic entry forward of 1053 store cattle met with an excellent trade once again, especially the bullocks which were on fire. Buyers were in attendance from far and wide with bunches of Charolais bullocks being well sought after. You would have to go a long way to find over 1000 cattle with the quality that was on offer, which means buyers can acquire the cattle they want without having to have another day off. Overall the bullocks returned an average of 235.42ppkg and the heifers at 213.91ppkg. Leading prices were as follows:

Top price per head are as follows;

Steers

Charolais (x3) 655kg £1370 I & D W Davies, Gwern-y-bwlch

Charolais (x1) 595kg £1370 Tynybryn Farms, Tynybryn

Limousin (x1) 570kg £1350 J R S Hughes & co, Lower Munllyn

OSWESTRY LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

March 26

FAT CATTLE: (52)

A limited show for the time of year, a good show of meat in the clean as well. Only a handful of bulls met hard work again. Top slots hit 257p for Heifers, 237p for Steers and 203p for Bulls. Bottom book was 125p for a friesian bull. Highest price in the lump £1445 for a Heifer. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office. An overall market average of 201p was achieved

Young Bulls (10) Overall Average 169.5p.

Light Bulls (1) Selling to 152p (£699/head) from C E Evans Lower Hendre

Medium Bulls (6) Average 173p (£885/head) Selling to 203p from I Hughes & Sons Middletown Farm

Heavy Bulls (3) Average 168.5p (£1000/head) Selling to 194p from C E Evans Lower Hendre

Steers (11) Overall Average 192p.

Medium Steers (3) Average 197.5p (£1040/head) Selling to 222p from D & M G Hughes & Sons Tainymynydd

Heavy Steers (8) Average 191p (£1210/head) Selling to 237p from D & M G Hughes & Sons

Tainymynydd

Heifers (31) Overall Average 214p

Medium Heifers (3) Average 221p (£1035/head) Selling to 236p from H Howells Tynyrwtra

Heavy Heifers (28) Average 214p (£1205/head) Selling to 257p from J Evans & Son Tanygarth

Clean every bit as dear, bulls no change just hard work. Thank you for your continued support

FAT HOGGETS: (3033)

An excellent entry of 3033 hoggs on Wednesday 26th March 2014. The overall average was 209.5p/kg.

The 159 light hoggs were as easy sold as any levelling at 210p/kg with the top call of 217p/kg from L M Jones Lawnt with 30kg hoggs at £65. 443 standard hoggs averaged 207p/kg with T D Jones Bryn making £84.20 of 38kg hoggs 222p/kg. 995 medium hoggs averaged 210p/kg peaking at £105 for 45kg hoggs or 233p/kg from M & S Jones Lower Forest. 1044 heavy's and 304 overweight hoggs levelled at 196p/kg and 174.5p/kg respectively which give an overall average of £95.34.

Superlights to 130p Lights to 217p average 210p, Standards to 222p average 207p, Mediums to 233p average 210p, Heavy's to 228p average 196p, Others to 196p average 174.5p. Overall average 209.5p.

FAT EWES: (544)

A good show with a lot of quality ewes forward was rewarded with an excellent trade and an overall average of £66, £12 up on last week. A top call of £110 went to a cracking pen of Texel ewes from P Williams. 37 Rams averaged £71 with a top price of £118.50 for a tup from G Ellett, Llanrhaeadr.

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (66)

Reduced numbers selling to a most variable trade. Simply good calves keenly contested, also rans much harder to sell. Friesians also difficult to cash. Top price £460 for a (3 week old) Charolais Bull from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf. British Blue Bulls to £310 from Messrs Jones Maesderw. Limousin Bulls to £305 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm £305 from Messrs Reeves Meadow Farm £304 from Messrs Foulkes Selattyn Lodge £294 from Messrs Haynes Moydog Uchaf £278 from Messrs Davies Ty Brith £265 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £315 from Messrs Jones Maesderw £295 from Messrs Benbow Pump House £250 from Messrs Ede Willow Farm. Limousin Heifers to £285 £250 & £245 from Messrs Haynes Moydog Uchaf £230 from Messrs Foulkes Selattyn Lodge £230 from Messrs Davies Ty Brith.

British Blue Heifers to £270 from Messrs Jones Trefarclawdd £265 from Messrs

Reeves Meadow Farm. Friesian Bulls to £110 £60 & £50 from Messrs Benbow Pump House

STORE CATTLE: (284)

An excellent entry and a full compliment of buyers helped create another sharp trade with a total clearance reported. Top price of the day went to a pair of British Blue x heifers sold by J Hamlett, Ruyton XI Towns for £1350 (245p/kg).

157 steers averaged £986 (207p/kg) with notable prices including:

D G Williams, Llandrillo presented another excellent show of stores with Limousin & Charolais x steers selling for £1140 (256p/kg), £1080 (260p/kg) & £1010 (253p/kg).

£1105 (261p/kg) paid for 3 British Blue x steers sold by J E Hughes, Llanarmon D C.

£1170 (254p/kg) paid for 3 Charolais x steers sold by M E Roberts, Nantmawr.

127 heifers averaged £833 (199p/kg) with notable prices including:

G & N W Evans, Corwen sold a Limousin heifer for £750 (242p/kg) & 3 Charolais x heifers for £770(233p/kg)

H E & M L Evans sold Limousin x heifers for £765 (235p/kg), £735 (237p/kg) & £675 (237p/kg)

£1030 (219p/kg) paid for a Limousin x heifer sold by J G & E M Jones, Penybontfawr

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U72 & CULL COWS: (38)

An entry of 38 cattle again were in extremely fast demand and returned a fantastic trade. There were a lotof plain cows forward but the trade was so fast that even they could not bring the overall average down!

Cows to 174p/kg. Heifers to 159p/kg and Steers to 168p/kg

Cows

Limousin to 174p average 151.21p/kg

British Blue to 132p average 123.87p/kg

Friesian to 138p average 110.46p/kg

Heifers to 159p average 151.20p/kg

Steers to 168p average 149.11p/kg

38 Cattle average 124.57p/kg

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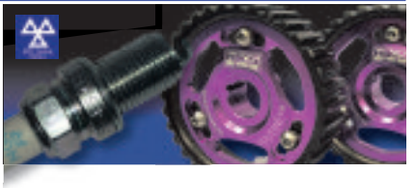

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By Graham Breeze

There was a time that I teased my boss because he was a Volvo driver but how times have changed.

Not only is he no longer my boss but only recently I found myself praising the virtues of the V70 on a week long test drive.

When you mention Volvo you think large and practical estates but the latest model is a far cry from the archetypal load carrier that I taunted my former employer about.

Volvo has not gone down the same old road with the V70 D4 SE Nav Geartronic because there is a certain style and sportiness for this new master load-carrier together with all the usual versatility you would expect.

Six decades after the launch of the first Wagon the V70 carries on the tradition of combining form and function.

The motorway is the ideal place for this Volvo so it's little wonder that police forces across the land have models patrolling major transport routes across the UK.

The new D4 comes with 181hp and 400Nm of torque and the engine features world-first i-Art technology that helps to cut fuel consumption.

The V70 really is the ultimate, spacious car offering families comfort and sophistication combined with an impressive 575 litres of load space.

The rear seats can be folded down in three 40/20/40 segments, giving more options to configure the space. With all of the rear seats folded flat, the load space grows to a cavernous 1,600 litres.

Consumption

The two outer rear seats can also be fitted with integrated two-stage child seats – with one simple movement, booster cushions pop up from the seat giving a comfortable and safe ride height for children from the age of three and upwards.

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The new car looks more elegant, with a more road-hugging stance. The refined design emphasises the elegant presence of the V70 with a wider proportion on the front grille, as well as more detail work and daytime running lights along with added chrome touches to lift the detail and give the car a more upmarket feel The Adaptive Digital Display screen is fitted as standard on SE Lux and is available as an option on all other specifications and you can choose from three themes:

The Active High Beam Control helps the driver use high beam more efficiently. It also offers automatic switching between high and low beam at the right moment.

Inside, an all-new ambient light enhances driving at night. It illuminates key features such as cup holders, door releases, seat controls, and luggage and storage areas.

Cars equipped with the automatic gearbox also feature a new gearshift knob with piano-black inlay.

Cars equipped with a rain sensor now also get an electrically heated windscreen for rapid de-icing on cold winter days.

Volvo now offers drivers in cold climates extra comfort, with the introduction of an optional heated steering wheel.

Cars with an automatic transmission can also be specified with paddle shifters, enabling the driver to shift gear manually with both hands on the wheel.

The D4 SE on test hit the road at £33,120 and has a top speed of 140mph, gets from 0-60mph in 7.9seconds, CO2 emissions of just 113g/km and has combined fuel figures of an impressive 65.7mpg. Quite a package.

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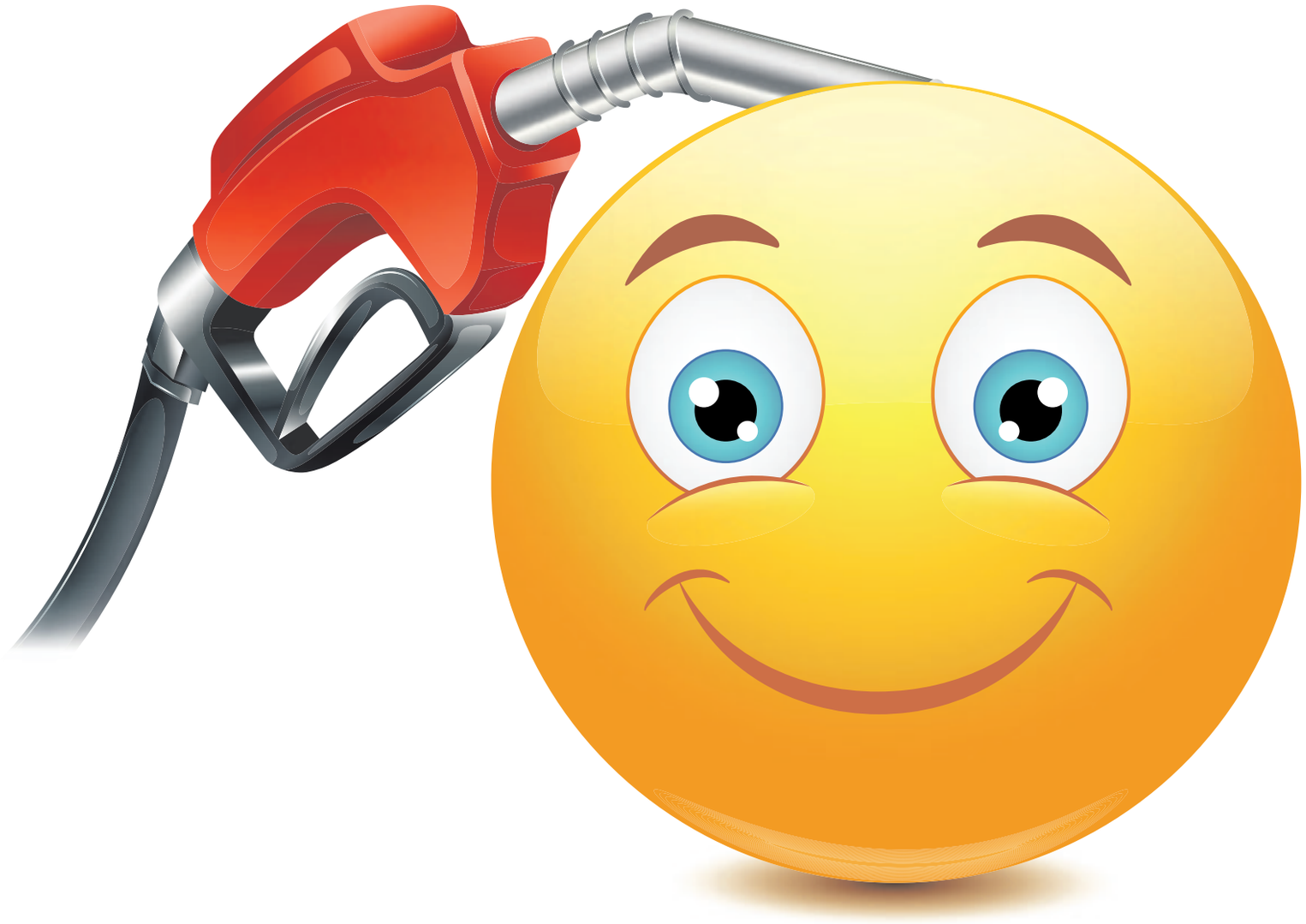

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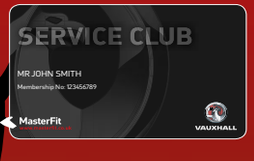

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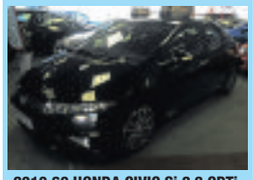

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Mighty Oak knock out champions after eight goal thriller

THE Oak Inn pulled off an upset in the North Shropshire Sunday League Cup after dumping out league champions Cross Foxes 5-3 in the quarter-final, ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

It started well enough for Foxes who took a fourth minute lead after a cross from the left by Joe Pierpoint was met by Carl Harris whose bicycle kick was fumbled by keeper James Lewis and Adam Herbert was on hand to fire home from six yards.

The lead lasted just four minutes when Oak equalised from the spot, Dave Hartshorn being brought down in the box with Shaheen Miah making no mistake from 12 yards.

Oak went in front right on the stroke of half-time when Ben Williams converted a Jimmy Gibson cross from the left before Hartshorn put Todd Roberts in on 67 minutes to make it 3-1.

Foxes pulled one back through Matt Hardy in the 79th minute but Ryan Morris made it 4-2 after being put in by Roberts, and Roberts himself headed home a Miah cross from the right to increase the lead 5-2.

Foxes pulled one back late on when Adam Jones put through his own goal after a good cross from Harris. Oak Inn will meet Malpas in the semi-finals

MALPAS are through to the last four with a 4-0 passage against THE KEYS, with Callum Parry putting them on course when opening the scoring on 21 minutes.

James Huxley doubled the lead just before half-time when latching onto a terrific through ball from Ben Parry before getting in just ahead of the Keys keeper.

Penalty

Unfortunately for Huxley he was unable to continue and was replaced by Aarron Lloyd, but Andy Morris scored twice late on to give Malpas a comfortable passage to the semis where they will meet The Oak Inn.

ATHLETICO MARKET are also through but were pushed all the way before overcoming LODGE INN 4-2 on penalties after the sides had finished 2-2 after extra-time.

Market's leading scorer Karl Bailey opened the scoring on the half hour before Sam Nash converted a penalty in the 85th minute to force the extra period.

Jake Northwood then put the Market ahead in the 95th minute with Lewis Penrose levelling for The Lodge.

In the dreaded penalty shoot out, Market keeper Sam Johnstone, who was their Futsal hero from the previous week, was again in top form to save two of the Lodge Inn's spot kicks.

Josh Sumner netted the winning penalty to see Market through to the semi finals where they will meet DUDLESTON HEATH whose Matt Hudson bagged a brace as they overcame THE TAVERN 6-2 in the other quarter-final clash.

Adam Preston had given Dudleston an early lead, with Liam Goode and subs Ross Rogers and Ben Slawson also on target for the villagers.

Cian Curley and Joe Kilvert replied for The Tavern.

Fixtures for Sunday, April 6: Cross Foxes v Dudleston Heath, Keys v Athletico Market, Tavern v Oak Inn.

Saints leave it late after Rhyl put up battling show

The New Saints 2 Rhyl 1

KAI Edwards' late strike put The New Saints on the brink of retaining their Welsh Premier title with a battling 2-1 win over Rhyl at rainswept Park Hall.

Despite opening their account after 13 minutes, it took the Saints until the 81st minute to wrap up the points courtesy of defender Edwards who diverted a Chris Marriott corner past keeper Alex Ramsay from close range.

The league leaders had started well with Jamie Mullan's cutback being slotted home by Matty Williams, while the ex-Rhyl favourite was only denied another by a good save from Ramsay on his return to his former club.

Matty Woodward, however, levelled for the Lilywhites just past the hour mark but the Saints were not to be denied when Edwards pounced to restore the lead to further cement TNS's position at the top of the table.

Head coach Carl Darlington admitted the defending champions were made to work hard for the points, but felt they were always in the ascendancy.

"Rhyl are a good side with some good players and play the game the right way so we knew it would be difficult for us," he said.

"It was good to see a team coming here to try and play football and it made for an open game.

"They are a big, strong team from set plays, but they didn't really threaten us and we didn't look in too much trouble.

"We had a couple of chances we should have taken, and when you're just 1-0 up you fret a bit. When they got level, we weren't too happy, but we kept going, kept cool heads and got another three points to take us that bit closer to the title."

Unbeaten at Park Hall this season, the Saints were made to battle all the way in the pouring rain which saw both sides struggle to get control in the early stages.

Top scorer Mike Wilde sounded a warning when hitting the post but Williams broke the deadlock on 13 minutes, making no mistake from inside the six yard box to slot home after Mullan had dribbled into the box before picking out the former Rhyl man.

Aeron Edwards tried his luck from distance in the 20th minute, but his powerful effort flew narrowly over the bar as the home side looked to extend their lead.

Ten minutes later, former TNS keeper Ramsay pulled off a terrific save to deny the lively Williams from adding a second when pushing the ball out for a corner.

After the break, the Saints continued to push forward and within minutes of the restart Wilde flicked the ball wide after Aeron Edwards had shot towards goal.

Rhyl were providing a determined force, defending solidly to frustrate the home side who were unable to make their possession count.

And their efforts were rewarded at the other end when, somewhat against the run of play, they pulled level when substitute Danny Laverty whipped in an inviting cross and Woodward headed past Paul Harrison.

The Saints went close to restoring the lead when Chris Jones found himself in space on the edge of the box but powered his shot over the bar.

As the game became much more open, Williams volleyed over from range before Carlos Roca fluffed a great opportunity for the visitors when scuffing his shot wide.

However, with nine minutes left to play, TNS got their noses back in front when Chris Marriott's powerful corner was diverted in by Kai Edwards from close in.

Rhyl kept battling on but the defending champions saw out the rest of the game without alarm to collect another important three points to put them within reach of an eighth league crown.

Ellesmere's youngsters in last eight of the cup

ELLESMERE'S young guns reeled off their 12th consecutive win after seeing off Redditch 3-1 to keep their flag flying in the Midland Floodlit Youth League Cup.

In the last eight, they face a tie at Lichfield City with the winners hosting unbeaten Hinckley United in the semi-finals.

Falling behind midway through the first half through an individual error that saw goalkeeper Dan Pilkington's clearance strike the centre forward before ricochetting into the empty net, Rangers found themselves behind at the interval for the first time since October.

A stirring comeback in the second period began when Paddy Townsend was on hand at the far post to divert a poor clearance into the net in the 51st minute. The game was then an extremely open affair with both sides having chances to take the lead. Will Twyford should have found the net on three occasions, but chances came and went.

However, the all important second goal came following a Mike O'Reilly corner in the 76th minute, from which skipper Jay Stoker expertly hooked in the loose ball off the post.

Rangers sealed the game in stoppage time with Jack Gaddes slotting home past the keeper to maintain Rangers' excellent momentum in the run-in.

"It was disappointing the manner in which we conceded as we have defended strongly all season," said manager Dan Stevens.

"For the first time in a while I asked a few questions of the lads at half time and in fairness they responded emphatically showing excellent character and quality which bodes well as we move into the final furlong of the campaign."

Ellesmere bid to keep their winning run going when they host Romulus in a vital Midland Floodlit Youth League Premier North match tonight as they look to keep up the pressure in their pursuit of Hinckley United.

Llanfair title hopes fade after draw with Berriew

TITLE rivals Llanfair United and Berriew had to settle for a share of the spoils at the Mount as they both lost ground in the Spar Mid Wales League division one title chase.

"It was the result that neither side really wanted," said Berriew assistant Dave Jones, the former Welshpool boss, who saw his side salvage a point with a late headed goal from Christian Webster.

The draw leaves Llanfair three points behind leaders Llandrindod Wells, while Berriew are five points off the pace, although they do have a game in hand.

Berriew had the better of a goalless first half, with Matt Mumford putting one golden chance over the bar while bringing a smart save from keeper Lee Andrew.

Llanfair were the more dominant force in the second period, and took the lead midway through the half when Andrew Hughes fired home at the far post from a right wing cross.

But the visitors bagged a point with three minutes left in normal time when a Mark Jones corner was flicked on and Webster headed home.

Valuable

With their two rivals locked in a draw, leaders Llandrindod took advantage as they saw off LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE 5-1 to move three points clear at the top. Lee Sutton, Richie Powell, Robbie Nicholls (2) and Connor Bird were on target for the high flying Wellmen.

At the other end of the table, lowly WELSHPOOL gained a valuable point in finishing 1-1 at Carno thanks to a late goal from Tom Coulson after trailing to a strike from Jordan Jones.

DYFFRYN BANW slipped closer to the drop after crashing 5-1 at home to WATERLOO ROVERS whose prolific Steve Hole fired a hat-trick, with Marcus Ashley and Charlie Proctor getting the others.

FOUR CROSSES saw their recent revival halted in emphatic fashion after suffering a 4-0 loss at Aberaeron who took the points with two goals apiece from Dan James and Gareth Severs.

After winning 5-4 against Dyffryn Banw the previous week, MONTGOMERY were involved in another high scoring affair as they were edged out 4-3 at home to Builth Wells.

In the day's other first division game Tywyn Bryncrug finished 3-3 with Bow Street while in the second division Abermule shaded a 1-0 success at Kerry.

FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

Saturday's football fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Caernarfon v Rhydymwyn, Caersws v Flint Town Utd, Holyhead v Rhayader Town, Llanrhaeadr v Llanidloes Town, Penrhyncoch v Llandudno, Penycae v Conwy Borough, Porthmadog v Cefn Druids.

Spar Mid Wales League (2.30): Division One: Aberaeron v Berriew, Aberystwyth Uni v Welshpool, Bow Street v Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells v Llanfair Utd, Four Crosses v Carno, Montgomery v Waterloo, Tywyn Bryncrug v Dyffryn Banw

Division Two: Machynlleth v Kerry, Rhosgoch v Presteigne. Talgarth v Hay St Mary's (1.30)

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High-riding Llanfair reserves took a giant stride towards landing the JT Hughes Montgomersyhire League Honda One title after winning 2-1 at title rivals Waterloo Reserves.

Faltered

Goals from Ross Lewis and Rhys Stephens won the day, taking Llanfair seven points clear at the top of the table.

Guilsfield reserves' challenge faltered after they were held to a 2-2 draw by Llanfechain.

In Mitsubishi Two, both Bettws and leaders Churchstoke won to maintain their title ambitions.

Results

Honda One: Abermule Res 3 Llanfyllin 4, Guilsfield Res 2 Llanfechain 2, Llangedwyn 0 Llanrhaeadr Res 0, Meifod 11 Newtown Res 1, Waterloo Res 1 Llanfair Utd 2

Mitsubishi Two: Berriew Res 0 Bettws 1, Llansantffraid Res 1 Churchstoke 6, Maesyrhandir 9 Kerry Res 1, Newtown Wanderers 4 Llanymynech 3.

Returns from the golf clubs

OSWESTRY

Monthly Medal – Division 1: 1 Tony Meehan 73-6=67, 2 Rex Tattersall 80-11=69, 3 Carl Thomas 76-6=70; Division 2: 1 Geoff Gill 88-16=72, 2 Mark Higginson 93-19=74, 3 Pat Roberts 91-17=74; Division 3: 1 Sean Roberts 95-23=72, 2 Richard Hatton 100-26=74, John Parry 102-28=74

Ladies' Medal: 1 Pam Tattersall 93-15=78, 2 Sara Meehan 91-12=79, 3 Mel Shelton 96-16=80.

Seniors' Stableford – Division 1: 1 Alistair Wright 40pts, 2 Alan James 37pts; **Division 2:** 1 John Horton 40pts, 2 Norman Russell 36pts c/b

Ladies' March Stableford Silver Division: T Pearce 33pts (c/b); M Alford 33pts; M Brogden 31pts. Bronze Division: E Hopton 32pts; D Mottram 31pts; S Baxter 29pts. Upper Bronze Division: E Aubrey 36pts; S Watanabe 27pts; M Crane 26pts.

THE BROW

J & K Transport Bogey Competition: J Youens +2; P Morris +1 (c/b); T Williams +1 (c/b); I Davies +1.

A & V Joinery Competition: P Shore 38pts; P Morris 33pts; B Thomas 32pts (c/b); P Fairbank 32pts (c/b); I Davies 32pts.

WELSHPOOL

Texas Scramble: Captain, R Jones, W Pritchard, S Pritchard 55.6; N Jones, Mark Williams, Mike Williams D Pugh 56.1

Winter League Final: J Williams 38pts; P Books & I Davies 35pts; Mike Williams 25pts; A Evans 24pts R Evans 23pts; W Pritchard 21pts.

Town's Challenge Cup hopes over

FC Oswestry's Scott Bright, Tom Stedman and Joe Evans. *Pics: Ian Jones.*

Heads up – Tom Stedman gets up for FC Oswestry in their Challenge Cup tie

Rock hit back for win

FC OSWESTRY Town's quest for the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup ended after falling to a 2-1 exit a Rock Rovers in the last eight, ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

Town travelled to Shrewsbury looking for a win to progress to the semi-final of the cup competition and the possible chance to play at the Greenhous Meadow in the final but, despite taking the lead, it was not to be.

Nick Maguire's side started brightly a were on the front foot from the start with wingers Scott Bright and Graeme Kirkham pushing well up the pitch.

And it was Kirkham who broke the deadlock when Ben Williams slid the ball down the line and Kirkham beat two defenders and lashed the ball home from 12 yards.

At the break Town still held a one goal advantage, but Rock started the second half with plenty of intent and were soon level when some dodgy defending allowed a home striker to pounce, and moments later the home side were in front when scoring from a corner.

The last 20 minutes saw the visitors push forward with chances falling to Williams and Bright, but the Rock defenders held on for a win and a place in the semi-final.

FC Oswestry were looking to bounce back when they took on Clee Hill in their rearranged league cup tie at Ludlow on Wednesday night before travelling to top of the table Childs Ercall on Saturday in a game that could have a big bearing on the destiny of the Mercian Regional League division one title.

OSWESTRY VILLA's mixed season continued after suffering a 7-2 beating at Brown Clee in division one.

Talbot look to win title on last day

TALBOT A took a big step towards the Welshpool & District Darts League title this week with a 7-0 win at the Raven A while the Social Club dropped points with a 5-2 win at home to the Quay.

This puts the Talbot A five points clear at the top and a home tie against the Social Club to come this week.

In the other games on Friday evening it was a game of firsts at the Talbot B. The Kings Head won their first match of the season with a 6-1 win against the Talbot as Dan Stephens won his first game of the season.

Next week sees the final games of the first division and the tie between the Talbot A v Social Club has an added twist in that four players are tying for most wins.

Neil Astley, Robin Shingler and Craig (Nugget) Davies from the Talbot A and Keith Gamble from the Social Club have all dropped only one game all season.

COBRA hit by ruthless Ruthin for away defeat

COBRA paid a heavy price for a sloppy start as they slumped 46-19 at Ruthin to make for another disappointing day on the road in the Swalec League division one (north).

Missing some key personnel and lack of preparation saw the Meifod men caught cold as Ruthin rattled up a 36-7 interval lead with some opportunist scores.

With the game effectively over at half-time, COBRA could take heart from an improved second half display in which they showed more intensity, but were left to rue their poor start in which the damage was done.

Centre Iwan Vaughan got the first try for the visitors in the first period, while after the break there were touchdowns from replacement flanker Richard Rees and fly half Rhodri Davies who also landed two conversions.

The Llanfair Caereinion side also had chances to have come away with a losing bonus point after being the better side in the second half, but were left to count the cost of their poor start.

COBRA bid to bounce back at home to Pwllheli on Saturday, and hope to be boosted by the return of Llew Williams and Dorian Lloyd.

There was frustration for WELSHPOOL who had no action in division three as scheduled visitors Benllech pulled out earlier in the week after failing to raise a side.

Lying third from bottom, the Maesydre side will be looking for much needed points when they host Llangollen on Saturday.

Guils suffer fourth loss on the spin

ANOTHER shaky first half condemned Guilsfield to a fourth straight defeat in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after slumping 3-0 at Buckley Town.

Three goals in the first 25 minutes put paid to the Guils as Buckley called the tune despite their lowly league position.

The visitors upped their game in the second half but, despite creating several chances, were unable to claw their way back.

The game saw Mark Davies play his last game for his village club before embarking on a new career in coaching in Australia.

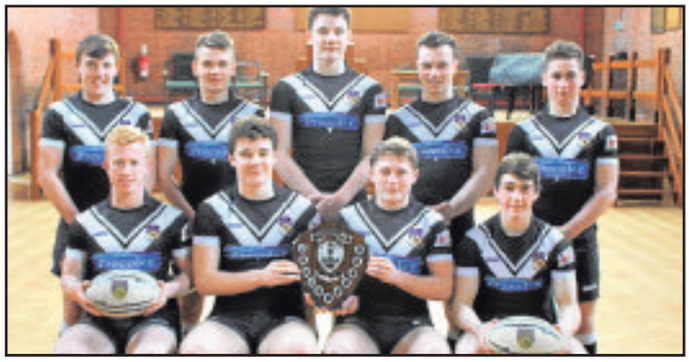
Rock bottom LLANRHAEADR now look set to be relegated after their 2-1 loss at Rhydymwyn, but were again left to rue their poor luck in front of goal.

Trailing 2-0, they hit the woodwork five times, but they did manage a reply when Marc Griffiths headed in Iwan Matthews' cross.

Elsewhere, Llanidloes Town are also in big trouble after their 4-2 defeat at Holyhead Hotspur whose diminutive striker Mel McGinness bagged a hat-trick.

Caersws were held 2-2 Llandudno who battled back from a two-goal deficit despite being down to 10 men after Jonny Spittle had been red-carded for bringing down Mark Griffiths.

Graham Evans converted the spot kick and Caersws doubled their lead with an overhead kick from Mike Collister following Evans' corner.



The Ellesmere College rugby team with the King's School Worcester Rugby Sevens trophy

Magnificent sevens

TRIUMPHANT Ellesmere College is celebrating success on the rugby field after returning victorious from the King's School Worcester Sevens.

In the final, Ellesmere overcame hosts and holders King's School 19-12 thanks to tries from Ali Miller, Jack Martin and Rob Leighton.

The college came through a dramatic semi-final to beat Colston's School from Bristol 22-19, with Miller scoring on the final play of the game. Lewis Suckling finished the day as top try scorer for the college.

Up until that point Ellesmere had steam rolled their way through the group stages with wins against RGS Worcester (36-0), Bishop Vesey's (38-12), KES Birmingham (26-0) before recording an impressive 27-5 quarter-final win against Adams Grammar School.

Ellesmere College captain Ted Parker commented: "We targeted this tournament at the start of the sevens season and we knew with how well we've progressed as sevens team, that we could progress to at least the final. It's a great stepping stone for the boys with the Rosslyn Park Sevens just around the corner!"

Director of Rugby at Ellesmere, Alex Murphy added: "The team found their form and played some excellent sevens style rugby. They managed to calmly keep hold of the ball for long periods and score some tremendous tries. This is a great achievement for the team and I am sure they can only get better."

Back impressed as Eagles give high-fliers a scare

RUGBY

By John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY failed to build on a promising first half as they slipped to an 18-7 defeat to promotion chasing Ormskirk in their last home game of the season in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

Coached by special guest Neil Back, the England World Cup winner, Oswestry dug deep to lead 7-0 at the break, but their powerful opponents roared back in the second period as the hosts faded.

However, Back was more than happy with what he saw, with his newly adopted side's improved giving their highly-rated rivals a run for their money at Granville Park.

"I am so proud of the performance from the boys today," he said.

"We have focused a great deal on the intensity and physicality at the breakdown and some attacking patterns which I was happy to see prominent during today's match."

The Eagles had been on the back foot straight from the kick-off as Ormskirk used their big ball carriers to muscle their way deep into the home half.

However, superb defence and some big scrums by the pack kept the visitors at bay before the Eagles began to gain some possession, aided by some superb steals by Tom Thorpe and Dan Samuels.

Some good phases by the forwards then drew in several defenders, giving Kev Evans the opportunity to put a well weighted kick in behind the defence.

Nick Howland showed his pace, outrunning his opposite number and the fullback showed his footballing skills to kick on and score a terrific try, converted by Evans.

Interception

The rest of the first half saw Ormskirk continue to pressure the Oswestry line, but the home defence held firm.

The second half started badly for the Eagles, with the visitors showing their power with a well worked rolling maul and scoring early for an unconverted score.

An interception soon after almost saw the visitors score again, but a superb tackle by Luca Owen-Youens prevented what looked like a certain try.

However, Ormskirk were not to be denied, and poor discipline by the Eagles saw the opposition gain a line-out deep in the home' half, and another rolling maul resulted in another try, unconverted.

Oswestry did not learn from their mistakes, and more poor discipline in the ruck gave the visitors the opportunity to extend their lead with a penalty kick, to put them two scores ahead.

The hosts finally woke up and strung some phases together, but a good steal, followed by a kick and chase saw the visitors score another unconverted try.

A promising first half from the Eagles in their last home game of the season gave hope of a victory, but a disappointing second period ultimately cost them a major scalp.

However, the recent performances against the top four teams show potential for upsets next season as Oswestry travel to Orrell on Saturday, looking to get back to winning ways.

Back in the spotlight – England's World Cup winner Neil Back lines up with the Eagles for a team shot before their South Lancs and Cheshire Two match against Ormskirk at Granville Park on Saturday.

Finley nets trial

AFTER impressing this season, TNS midfielder Sam Finley was this week invited for a four day trial at a top half Sky Bet Championship club.

So far this season, the former Everton Academy product has scored nine league goals in 22 appearances for the Welsh Premier leaders. Finley was also taking part in a behind closed doors game during the week.

"It is a great opportunity for Sam," said Saints director of football Craig Harrison. "There has been no secret that there has been a lot of interest from clubs in England and I hope he takes up the opportunity.

"He has improved season upon season."

Wynnstay bowlers under way

Wynnstay Bowls Club captain Janice Allport gets the new season under way at the club

EVEN a hail storm failed to prevent the hardy sporting folk of Wynnstay Bowling Club from kicking off their new season.

A record number of 30 members turned up to brave the on-off weather and watch the captain, for a second year, Mrs Janice Allport, bowl off the new season.

An open day, when prospective members will be given instruction from 2pm and again at 5pm on April 30 and a fun day on May 5, will precede a whole series of matches planned for 2014 including a new champion of champions on September 22, when the best male bowler takes on the best woman.

For further information or membership, contact club secretary Helen Parry-Jones on Oswestry 655118 or e-mail wynnstaybowling@gmail.com

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Aberaeron 4, Four Crosses 0;Carno 1, Welshpool 1; Dyffryn Banw 1, Waterloo 5; Llandrindod Wells 5, Llansanttfraid Village 1; Llanfair Utd 1, Berriew .

Montgomery 3, Builth Wells 4; Tywyn Bryncrug 3, Bow Street 3.

Division two: Kerry 0, Abermule 1; Knighton 1, Machynlleth 1; Presteigne 0, Hay St Mary's 8; Talgarth 5, Bont 1.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
L'dod Wells	21	18	1	2	84	14	55
Llanfair Utd	22	16	4	2	58	21	52
Berriew	21	16	2	3	67	21	50
Carno	21	15	3	3	49	25	48
Aberaeron	24	14	4	6	58	33	46
Waterloo	26	14	4	8	68	45	46
Llansanttfd	26	11	3	12	62	66	36
Four Crosses	23	8	3	12	45	65	27
Montgomery	23	7	3	13	38	64	24
Bow Street	22	6	4	12	35	66	22
Aber Uni	22	6	2	14	46	56	20
Welshpool	24	5	3	16	30	64	15
Tywyn/B	19	4	1	14	36	70	13
Builth Wells	21	3	3	15	35	64	12
Dyffryn Banw	19	2	4	13	26	63	10

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rhosgoch	14	12	0	2	52	14	36
Knighton	16	9	5	2	41	15	32
Hay St Marys	14	8	3	3	49	24	27
Machynlleth	13	8	2	3	33	27	26
Abermule	15	7	1	7	18	20	22
Presteigne	13	4	4	5	25	31	16
Kerry	17	3	5	9	26	45	14
Talgarth	13	3	3	7	19	27	12
N'bridge-on-Wye	14	2	4	8	20	43	10
Bont	17	1	5	11	17	54	8

Mercian Regional Football League

Shropshire Challenge Cup Quarter finals:Claverley 3, Broseley 3 AET (Claverley won 4-3 on penalties); Rock Rovers 2, Oswestry Town 1; Donnington Sports & Social 4, Telford Juniors 5.

Premier division:Madeley Sports 0, Whitchurch Alport Reserves 0; Prees 2, Hodnet 2; Shifnal Utd 2, Oakengates Athletic 1; Wellington Amateurs Reserves 3, Bridgnorth Reserves; Allscott 3, Church Stretton 3.

Division one:Bishops Castle Town 3, Dawley Town 0; Brown Clee 7, Oswestry Villa 2; Clee Hill 0, Childs Ercall 3; Shawbury Utd Reserves 0, Hanwood Utd Reserves 1; Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 1, Meole Brace 0; Wroxeter Rovers 11, Shrewsbury Utd 0.

Division two:Albrighton Juniors 1, Highley Miners Welfare 3; Ludlow Town Colts 2, Wrockwardine Wood 3; Oswestry Villa Reserves 1, Market Drayton Tigers 5; Spalaig Britannia 1, Impact Utd 3

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates	19	11	4	4	48	25	37
Whitchurch Res	23	9	5	41	27	36	
Ketley Bank Utd	21	11	3	7	32	35	36
Telford Juniors	21	10	4	7	49	33	34
Church Stretton	19	10	4	5	39	27	34
FC Hodnet	21	9	5	7	30	29	32
Wellington A R	20	8	5	7	38	37	29
Morda United	17	8	3	6	49	37	27
Madeley Sts	20	7	3	10	33	37	24
Allscott	23	5	8	10	37	49	23
Prees	23	7	2	14	35	66	23
Weston Rhyn	21	6	4	11	34	55	22
Shifnal Utd 97	17	6	3	8	28	26	21
B'north T	22	5	6	11	35	45	21

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Childs Ercall	19	16	0	3	88	14	48
Oswestry T	21	15	3	3	77	16	48
Bishop's C	21	15	1	5	75	22	46
Wroxeter Rov	16	13	3	0	77	15	42
Dawley Town	24	10	5	9	53	48	35
Hanwood Utd	18	10	2	6	49	22	32
Rock Rov FC	16	9	3	4	58	31	30
Clee Hill	18	8	5	5	43	33	29
O'gates Rang	21	8	3	10	37	50	27
Brown Clee	19	8	2	9	54	42	26
Oswestry Villa	22	6	4	12	48	62	22
Meole Brace	21	5	2	14	35	89	17
Wrock Wd Jun	23	5	2	16	30	91	17
Shawbury Res	22	4	2	16	24	87	14
Shrewsbury U	25	2	1	22	29	155	7

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrock Wd	24	20	2	2	106	35	59
AFC Broseley	21	19	2	0	143	20	56
AFC W'gton	25	18	1	6	138	52	55
Impact	22	15	3	4	104	40	48
Donnington SS	19	14	0	5	105	44	42
Mkt Drayton T	22	13	1	8	93	48	40
Claverley	21	13	0	8	76	35	39
Ludlow Colts	25	11	2	12	100	60	35
Highley MW	25	7	3	15	58	81	24
Albrighton Jun	23	6	1	16	51	87	19
Oswestry Villa	23	5	2	16	27	81	17
S Britannia	23	5	2	16	35	106	17
Shrewsbury UR	19	2	0	17	22	123	6
Denso	24	0	1	23	23	269	1

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Dominoes

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Black Lion A	22	13	3	6	80	52	29
Cross Foxes	22	11	7	4	78	54	29
Station	22	10	6	6	72	60	26
Bradford Arms	22	10	6	6	70	62	26
Top White Lion	22	9	8	5	68	64	26
Black Lion B	22	8	9	5	73	59	25
Plas Yn Dinas	22	9	6	7	69	63	24
Penybont Inn	23	7	10	6	71	67	24
Horseshoe	22	5	6	8	68	64	22
White Lion	22	5	11	6	66	66	21
Black Horse	23	3	9	11	58	80	15
Railway Tavern	22	3	6	13	53	79	12
Barley Mow	22	3	3	16	39	93	9

Welshpool Dominoes League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Cock P/A	22	17	5	97	57
Pinewood C	22	15	7	93	61
Cock A	22	11	11	82	72
Sun Inn	22	12	10	82	72
G/Dragon Butt A	22	12	10	80	74
Waterloo	22	12	10	80	74
Pinewood A	22	11	11	78	76
P Arms P/Q	22	11	11	76	78
G/Dragon A	22	10	12	73	81
Celts	22	9	13	70	84
Social Club	22	6	16	59	95
Compasses	22	6	16	55	99

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Talbot	22	16	6	97	57
Real Railway	22	15	7	95	59
Bowling Club	22	14	8	92	62
Westwood Wand	22	14	8	86	68
P'wood Dragons	22	11	11	80	74
Breidden	22	11	11	78	76
Kings Head	22	11	11	77	77
Angel	22	12	10	76	78
RAF Boys	22	8	14	66	88
Muriels Bunch	22	8	14	64	90
Westwood	22	7	15	63	91
Wellington	22	5	17	50	104

Morda are kicked out in cup after player row

MORDA United have been thrown out of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup for fielding an ineligible player that resulted in last week's tie at local rivals Weston Rhyn being called off.

The sides had been due to meet in the quarter-finals, but the tie was postponed just the night before following a protest by Weston Rhyn who claimed that Morda had fielded an ineligible player in an earlier round of the competition.

Subsequently, the match was postponed to allow time for an inquiry into the alleged offence, which has since seen Morda removed from the competition. The club have yet to decide whether they will appeal.

Manager Craig Rogers was naturally disappointed with the events, which followed a protest from their neighbours after they had discovered Morda had fielded an ineligible player in their tie with Clee Hill in the previous round back in March, which they won 6-3. The player involved had already featured in the TJ Vickers Shropshire Premier Cup with another club.

"I think we were one of the favourites, so it has left a sour taste in the mouth," said Rogers. "No one was aware we had played an ineligible player, we did not try to hide it, and is a hollow victory for Weston Rhyn."

In the draw for the semi-final, Weston Rhyn have been paired with Rock Rovers, who were 2-1 winners over FC Oswestry Town. The tie will be played at a neutral venue, scheduled for Saturday, April 12

Llanfair eye win bonus

LLANFAIR United bid to get back to winning ways when they head to lowly Builth Wells on Saturday looking to keep up the title pressure in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Rhys Stephens' side had appeared set for a precious victory against title rivals Berriew last week, only to be denied by a late goal as the two sides had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

That result left Llanfair three points behind leaders Llandrindod Wells, while Berriew are five points off the pace, although they do have a game in hand.

Third placed Berriew will also be looking for three points when they make a a tricky trip to Aberaeron, who lie two points below.

Neil Back with the pre-match team talk at Oswestry

Back will maintain Oswestry links

ENGLAND rugby legend Neil Back plans to stay involved with Oswestry rugby club after bring "proud" of the border side's efforts in their narrow defeat to promotion chasing Ormskirk.

The World Cup winning flanker helped coach the club for the day in their South Lancs and Cheshire Two clash after the Granville Park club won a national grassroots rugby competition, QBE Hit Squad.

Back first came to the club back in February to help with a training session and has remained in close contact with the Eagles since then.

He joined head coach Gareth Barrett and his team on match day last Saturday to manage the pre-match drills, team talks, and tactical substitutions in front of startled home supporters.

Prior to the match, Oswestry not only sat three places behind Ormskirk in the table, but were also wary that they had been hammered 46-0 against the same opposition back in November.

This time the improvements were all there to see with the Eagles putting up a terrific fight before going down 18-7 to their highly rated visitors.

Speaking post-match, Back said:"It's been quite a journey and I am so proud of the performance from the boys. I will be staying in contact with the club and will be really excited to see the club further develop and hopefully compete for the title next season."

The QBE Hit Squad journey doesn't end there for the club. Oswestry RFC will further benefit from the opportunity to attend an action packed training day with members of the England Rugby backroom staff later this year.

Te Eagles travel to Orrell on Saturday looking to get back to winning ways.

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SUPERB SAINTS ON BRINK OF TITLE

by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints have one hand on the Welsh Premier title – but aren't celebrating despite a seemingly unassailable position at the top of the table.

Tuesday night's 3-1 home win over Newtown means it would now take a freak series of results to deny the Saints from lifting the title again, and taking their place in the Champions League in the summer.

In fact, to relinquish the title now, the league leaders would need to lose their remaining four games, while squander a vastly superior goal difference of plus 35 that they hold on second placed rivals Airbus UK.

However, until they are mathematically sure, the celebrations are muted, with the league leaders looking to finish the job in their next league action at Park Hall against the Wingmakers on April 12.

"It was weird afterwards as we've got one hand on the trophy, it's basically ours, but there is no celebrating yet until we get that one point," said head coach Carl Darlington.

"It would now take some freak results to deny us the title. We would have to lose our last four games while Airbus would have to win something like 10-0, 10-0 and 10-0."

Darlington admitted the league leaders were slow to start before eventually running out 3-1 winners against Newtown in midweek, Greg Draper scoring twice and Connell Rawlinson getting the other.

Unbeaten

"It was a strange night as it took us a while to get going, we were a bit flat," he added. "We went behind to a mistake from their first real attack and, despite all our possession in the first half, did not really hurt them. That was a wake up call and and in the end it was a job done and we move on."

It will be the Saints' third championship in a row, and they can again look forward to another season in the Champions League.

Newtown had threatened to spoil their night after taking the lead in the 26th minute.

But the predatory Draper had the hosts back on terms six minutes later when pouncing on a loose ball from Chris Marriott's corner.

TNS were in front for the first time three minutes into the second period when defender Rawlinson atoned for his earlier error by heading home a Marriott set piece and the league leaders, unbeaten on home surrounds this term, made the points safe in the 88th minute when Chris Jones crossed for Draper to head home his 13th goal of the season.

Ellesmere College twins ready to go Dutch

Going Dutch – Oswestry twins Caro and Lottie Hulme have earned a call up for Wales

ELLESMERE COLLEGE duo Caro and Lottie Hulme have been selected for the Wales Under-16s girls' hockey squad that will travel to Venlo in the Netherlands to play in the International Combat Tournament.

The Oswestry twins will come up against some of the best teams in Europe.

Sides from Belgium, Germany, Holland, Spain and Russia will be taking part in the under-16 and under-18 boys' and girls' tournaments during the Easter weekend of April 18-20.

Lottie said "I'm so pleased to take part in this tournament, and to play against other countries is a fantastic opportunity for us and it's one that we are really looking forward to."

The twins, who are still only 14, have been playing senior hockey for Wrexham Ladies' first team.

TNS target cup glory after last year's final heartbreak

LAST season's near miss will prove the spur as The New Saints prepare to take on Bala Town in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup at Airbus UK's Broughton ground on Saturday (2.30pm), ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

The Welsh Premier champions-elect were left hurting after suffering a last-gasp defeat to Bangor City in the semi-final 12 months ago, and will be desperate to avoid similar heartache this time around.

Awaiting in the final will be either Aberystwyth Town or surprise package Holywell Town, and TNS, three times winners of the cup competition, would dearly like to add a second piece of silverware.

"Bala is going to be a tough game, we know that, but we can now forget the league and concentrate on trying to stay on course for the double," said head coach Carl Darlington.

"We lost in the semi-final to Bangor last season, we don't want that feeling again, so hopefully we can go one step further.

Success

"But it's going to be difficult as Bala will see the cup as a route to Europe for them. But our players are hungry for success."

The two sides also came face to face at the semi-final stage in 2012, with the Saints running out convincing 4-0 winners at Aberystwyth's Park Avenue before going on the lift the trophy with a 2-0 final victory over Cefn Druids.

TNS are again the bookies favourites this season as they chase a repeat of their Welsh Cup and Welsh Premier double that year.

Winger Ryan Fraughan is unlikely to figure despite returning to training following his hairline fracture to the base of the foot, while long term absentees Steve Evans and Scott Ruscoe could be back before the end of the season.

However, forward Alex Darlington is out for the rest of the campaign with a broken bone in his foot.

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